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Summit sets up security partnership

Russia and Nato bury the Cold War

By Michael Evans, Ben Macintyre and Our Foreign Staff

NATO and Russia blew away the last breath of the Cold War yesterday by signing an accord that paves the way for the strongest military alliance in

The Founding Act on Mutual Relations, Co-operation and Security was hailed as ending half a century of division in Europe - and the ceremony at a one-day summit in Paris so enthused President Yeltsin that he astonished the Nato leaders with an impromptu promise that he would remove the warheads from nuclear weapons pointing at their countries.

That would have been the boldest unilateral move since President Reagan alarmed his officials by announcing at a summit with President Gorbachev that he wanted to abol-ish all ballistic missiles. However, after some rapid clarification by Russian officials. Mr Yeltsin's statement was amended to a promise that the warheads would not he targeted at the signaturies

to the Founding Act. Although that was still greeted as an important geseoodwill. Russia. America and Britain have already agreed not to target missiles at each other, leaving France the only nuclear power in Nato without such an

The Founding Act signed yesterday lays down the ground rules and a formal mechanism for a new security partnership that gives Russia equal status in preparing for peace-keeping and conflict prevention - although it will

not have the right to veto Nato actions. Russia will also be granted all the paraphernalia of Nato representation, including an ambassador at the alliance, twice-yearly meetings of foreign and defence ministers, monthly meetings at ambassadorial level and occasional heads of govern-

ment summits. It is not a legally binding document in that it does not have to be ratified by any of the signatories' parliaments. But a Nato spokesman insisted that it was not an empty document "It is one that can be built on as relations improve even further. Today we

Moscow reward. Leading article.....

can say the Cold War has definitely come to an end." And although Nato has

been careful to avoid directly linking the offer of Russian participation in its affairs and the plan to expand the alliance eastwards, it is clear that the agreement gives Nato governchance to move ahead and admit new members. Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary will be invited in July to join the alliance by 1999, and while the first invitations will be restricted to those three, nine more countries are also seeking

membership. Mr Yeltsin yesterday repeated his criticism of the expansion plans, but he hailed the Founding Act as a victory for reason, while President Clin-

ton said that it realised the long-sought goal of a peaceful, democratic undivided Europe. "In the twilight of the 20th century, we look forward toward a new century with a new Russia and a new Nato.

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possibility." President Chirac, playing host in the magnificent Salle des Fêtes at the Elysée Palace, told his guests that the pace swept away the last remnants of the Cold War and the legacy of the Yalta agreement which carved up Europe at the end of the Second World War.

We will be turning the page on half a century of misunderstanding, of confrontation, of division on our continent," he said in his opening address. "The Paris accord does not shift the divisions created in Yalta. It does away with them

once and for all." Tony Blair, who was warm-ly welcomed by his fellow leaders, described himself as a child of the Cold War era, "raised amid the constant fear of a conflict with the potential to destroy humanity. Whatever other dangers may exist, no such fear exists today. Mine is the first generation able to contemplate the possibility that we may live our entire lives without going to war or sending our children to war. That is a prize beyond value."

Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, also described the accord as being of far-reaching significance "at the end of a century which has seen so much blood, tears and



Clinton ordered to face sex claim case

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT CLINTON yesterday faced perhaps the most embarrassing controversy of his presidency when the Supreme Court ruled that Paula iones could pursue her sexual harassment case against him while he is in office.

In the most important privilege case since Richard Nixon was ordered to hand over the Watergate tapes. America's highest court ruled that the Constitution did not shield the President from facing lawsuits over acts unrelated to his official duties.

Despite the force of the arguments supporting the President's submissions, we conclude that they must be rejected," Justice John Paul evens wrote.

Mr Stevens said that allowing the case to go forward before Mr Clinton leaves office on January 20, 2001, would not place "unacceptable burdens" on the President or hinder his official duties as had been claimed by White House counsel.

The unanimous ruling of the nine justices, including two appointed by Mr Clinton. could not have come at a more awkward moment. The President had just left for what aides hoped would be a significant foreign policy sweep through Europe culminating in talks with Tony Blair in

Ms Jones, 30, a former Arkansas state employee, is seeking \$700,000 in damages for defamation and violation of her civil rights.

Her claim is that in 1991 Mr Clinton saw her working at a governor's management con-ference in Little Rock, sent a state trooper to bring her to his hotel room, and made a sexual suggestion. Mr Clinton has said he has no memory of either Ms Jones or the

> Clintons' visit, page 8 Political blow, page 16

IN BRIEF Suicide girl was kicked

Two teenage schoolgirls were found guilty yester-day of taking part in a vicious gang attack on a fellow pupit who later killed herelf.

Lee Ann Murray, 16, and Michelle McBratney. 17, both from Stornoway in the Western Isles, were found guilty of assaulting Katherine Jane Morrison. by repeatedly kicking and punching her round the body and head in December 1995.

Sentence was deferred at Stornoway Sheriff Court until June 10 pending background reportsPage 3

Father drops abortion appeal

James Kelly ended his 12day legal fight to stop his estranged wife from having an abortion.

He said financial hardship and the belief that Lynne Kelly might have the baby had led him to give up his battle. His lawyers told the Court of Session in Edinburgh that they were not proceeding with an appeal Page

Chirac in last minute plea

Jacques Chirac, faced one of the toughest tests of his political career as he sought to head off a leftwing election victory with a televised appeal.

The French President's eleventh-hour attempt is likely to prove decisive in the battle for control parliament Page 17

Spare shares

Nearly one in 12 shares in the Halifax remain unclaimed ahead of the former building society's stockmarket float on Monday. Halifax said it will hold on to the £1.4 billion of unclaimed shares for three years Page 27



With the weather like this do we really need to go into Europe?"

EMU threatened lartin Taylor, chief executive Barclays and the new head the Government's task

ree to reform the tax system illed on currency speculators "blow apart" any hasty ove towards monetary . Page Z7

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Class size limits will end parental choice, say heads

By DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

be denied places for their children at popular primary schools under the Government's election pledge to introduce maximum class sizes, head teachers said yesterday. Appeals by parents for

places in over-subscribed primary schools will have to be stopped to prevent classes. exceeding the target size of 30, said the National Association of Head Teachers.

The association, which supports this change, admitted the move would mean choice would "go out of the window". At the moment, 440,000 children aged between five and seven are in 13,000 classes of more than 30. Labour

THOUSANDS of parents will promised that this would maximum class sizes of 30 and change by the end of its first

> Ministers yesterday admitted there was a problem but said they were considering ways to enforce limits while giving parents maximum preference. But head teachers said that many more children will miss their chosen school unless extra money was found to build new classrooms at

> popular schools.
>
> David Hart, general secretary of the association, said: "Parental choice will have to be changed so that an appeal committee will not be in a position to force schools to

"You cannot have a policy of

Conran in line to be official design guru By Patience Wheatcroft, City Editor

believed to be the latest top businessman recruited to government service.

He is discussing a role which would enable him to emphasise the importance of good design. It could span both the Department of Trade and Industry, where he would aim to increase design awareness in business, and the National Heritage Department.

Sir Terence said last night: This is the first time in my lifetime that I have known a Government to be involved and interested in the importance of design and architecture."

Sir Terence is establishing a restaurant empire that will

SIR TERENCE CONRAN is soon have the capacity to feed around 10,000 diners a night. But before food, his first love was design and he changed the attitude of many Britons to their homes with the launch of the Habitat chain. That has since been sold to the owners of Ikea, but he is now building a new retail business, the Conran Shop, specialising in

home goods. Sir Terence voiced his support for Labour before the election and took part in an election broadcast which also featured Anita Roddick, the Body Shop boss and Gerry Robinson, chairman of Granada. There are some sugges-tions that Ms Roddick may also be in line for some public

English early Christian amulet feared to be hoax

at the same time say there must be full and free parental

choice. The two cannot go together. I am sure the Labour

Mr Hart said Labour's cal-

culations on paying for small-

er classes, by using £140 million from the Assisted Places Scheme as it is phased

out, did not include the cost of

Stephen Byers, the minister for standards in schools, said:

We are aware of the potential

difficulties in this area. This is

an issue we will be addressing

in the White Paper that we will

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ern sterling silver.

be publishing in June."

new classrooms.

Government realise that."



The disputed amulet, with its XP inscription

A SILVER amulet hailed as important evidence of early Christianity in Britain and copied for a pendant worn by the Archbishop of Canterbury is feared to be

The matchbox-size amulet was discovered during an excavation in Shepton Mallet, Somerset, seven years ago in what were believed to be early Christian graves from the twilight years of the Roman Empire at the end of the fourth century. But scientific studies have cast doubt on the amulet's authenticity. A British Museum report to be

that the metal from which the artefact was made "very closely resembles" mod-

Dr Martin Henig, of Oxford Universi-ty's Institute of Archaeology, said that his own study had left him deeply suspicious of the amulet, which was believed to be one of the most ancient Christian personal ornaments to be found in this country. "When I saw it, I was not at all happy with it. The thing screamed that it was modern. It looked to me as though somebody had looked at a picture of a brooch found in Sussex and made an

amateur copy of it." The amulet bears the inscription XP, published next year says that tests show which in Greek are the first two letters of

Christ's name, chi and rho. A copy of the amulet was presented to the Archbishop of Canterbury. Dr George Carey, when he was Bishop of Bath and Wells. Dr Henig said he was baffled how the amulet had turned up in a bona fide excavation: "I am sure that the excavators were acting in good faith."

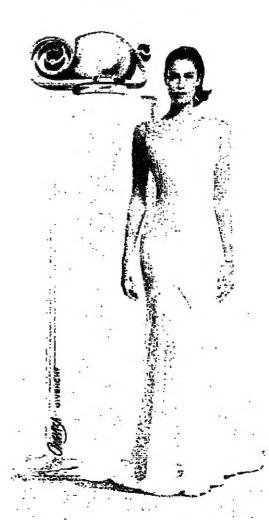
The amulet was discovered by a team working under the direction of Peter Leach, of Birmingham University's field archaeology unit. Mr Leach was away yesterday, but a fellow director, lan Ferris, said: "It was found by a professional archaeologist. It is difficult to see how somebody could have placed it without breaking into the site."

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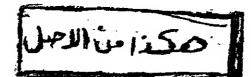


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Clarke urges Tories to present a united front

KENNETH CLARKE will today step up his leadership campaign with a strong plea to the Conservative Party to get a grip on itself and turn into an effective Opposition. The former Chancellor will use his first main speech outside the Commons to tell Tories to stop acting as if they were "lords to the manor born," and start becoming more aggressive in criticis-

In an attempt to portray himself as

offering the best chance of returning the Tories to power, Mr Clarke will increase the attack on Labour's economic policy, insisting that Gordon Brown is planning to raise taxes

in the Budget. Mr Clarke, the front-runner for the first leadership ballot on June 10. will tell the Inns of Court Conservative Society in London that Tories must change their attitude after 18 years in power and unite against Labour, rather than concentrating on splits in their own party. He will

Tories could achieve the same swing as Labour obtained in the election.

He will argue that the Chancellor has been making so much of the Treasury figures being worse than he expected that he was bound to be preparing the ground for tax increases. In reality borrowing figures were lower than projected and any tax rises would be needed purely to pay for Labour's costly policies, Mr Clarke will tell his audience of young barristers. Presenting himself as the mainstream candidate, he will also

touch on Europe and argue that if Labour moves too quickly to join a single currency with fudged criteria. he would be the first to resist.

As Mr Clarke speaks in London. Peter Lilley, also tipped in the top three for the first ballot, will be launching a regional tour with Gillian Shephard and Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare. Mr Lilley will be accompanied by a mobile set at his speeches to the party faithful in Leeds, Bristol, Cardiff and Edin-

burgh. William Hague, the first to court

ed to do well in the first round, will have his regional finale in Manchester, giving a speech to activists on Friday, the spoth visit on his nationwide tour.

John Redwood has also been trying to woo constituency activists in Scotland, where there are no Tory MPs. Although the 1922 Committee decided last Thursday that activists would not have a say in the leadership election, many of the candidates had already planned their visits expecting a change in the rules.

Nurse arrested over intensive-care deaths

A nurse who was sacked after four patients died in a hospital's intensive care unit has been arrested by detectives. Kathleen Atkinson was suspended in March last year after a colleague raised concerns about her professional conduct. Af the same time Leonard Coyle, the Newcastle upon Tyne coroner, asked police to investigate after he became concerned over a number of incidents at the city's Royal Victoria Hospital, where Mrs Atkinson worked as a nursing sister in the intensive therapy unit.

Mrs Atkinson, 47, from Wallsend, North Tyneside, a nurse for 17 years, was subsequently dismissed from her nurse for 1/2 years, was subsequently dismissed from her £23,000-a-year post for gross misconduct. The allegations centred on claims that between 1991 and 1995 she witheld life supporting drugs from terminally ill patients. The four-alleged victims include Claire Marsh. 12, Patricia Dryden, 15, and Mary Burdon, 69. The fourth patient was an unnamed woman. In March Mrs Atkinson said: "I cannot go to an industrial tribunal until the police have done their bit."

Health trust must pay

Patricia Addada, a district nurse who was dismissed for failing to disclose that a former patient had left her more that £30,000, was awarded £18,000 damages against the Guild Community Healthcare Trust, of Preston, yesterday. An industrial tribunal last month described the trust's conduct as "woeful, lamentable, and appalling" and ordered Mrs Addada's reinstatement. She has yet to be given back her

Pricier Concorde still full

The cost of a British Concorde flight across the Atlantic has risen by 15 per cent over the past 12 months because of increasing demand. So many pop stars, businessmen and lottery millionaires are quening to fly the Atlantic in three hours that British Airways is able to raise the ticket price without losing a customer. A round London-New York trip is now £5.596 compared with £4.854 a year ago. A single

Orkney policeman jailed

A police constable who concealed vital evidence in a murder A police constable who conceased visual evidence in a muruer inquiry to protect his family was jailed for four years at the High Court in Inverness yesterday. Edmund Ross, 46, was found gulty, of deliberately hindering investigations into the murder in Orkney of an Indian waiter and attempting to defeat the ends of justice. Shamsuddin Mahmood, 26, was shot dead while working in a Kirkwall restaurant on June 2 1994. Orkney's first murder inquiry for 25 years continues.

Ear-cuffing PC quits

Steve Guscott, 44, a police constable who was convicted of assault after cuffing 14-year-old boy around the ears in Minchead, Somerse, hi 1944, has retired from the force complaining of stress. He had said first the youth was abusive to a local pensioner. Mr Guscott said yesterday that he was retiring on medical grounds, "Eligerestre a lot of factors that have led to this. Suffice it masses the stress has affected me scriously."

Record egg-theft fines

Two brothers were fined a record £90,000 each for disturbing rare birds and stealing their eggs. They face up to two years in fail if they cannot raise the money. The previous highest fine for egg collecting was £15,000, later reduced to £2,000 on appeal. Lee McLaren and Jamie MacLaren, who Wildlife and Countryside Act in the Kirkwall Sheriff Court on the Orkney Islands. Both men live in Portsmouth.

Local buy-out planned

The 60 residents of the Knoydart peninsula in the West Highlands are hoping to follow the example of the Eigg islanders and buy their "wee bit hill and glea". A community buy-out of the 17,500 acre Knoydart Estate, which is on the market, is to be given assistance by Highland council, which was instrumental in the Eigg buy-out. Today Highland councillors will meet to consider a blueprint for the Knoydart Foundation's community buy out.

E.coli food poison cases head for a 25 per cent rise

By Gillian Bowditch, scotland correspondent

THE number of E.coli food poisoning cases will reach a record level this year, the leading expert in the disease said yesterday. Hugh Pennington's warning came as the latest outbreak in central Scotland affected a further nine people, taking the number

Last year was the worst on record for E.coli when an outbreak in central Scotland. affecting 500 people, left 19 dead. So far this year the number of cases is about 25 per cent up on last year. Professor Pennington of University said

He said that after excluding outbreaks of E.coli, which can distort the figures, there were about 250 isolated cases last one is a domestic worker.

of E. coli 0157 is reported more

often in Scotland than else-

eating meat contaminated

with animal faeces, or by

human to human transmis-

sion; instances which have

resulted from someone inade-

quately washing their hands.

Scottish people are no less

hygenic than those elsewhere.

they seem to be more prone to

infection is that their diet

contains a greater proportion

of protein. Scots from all

socio-economic groups, are

notoriously bad at eating up

The emphasis on meat is not

confined to the quantity but

also its quality. Many Scots

people take as much interest

in their meat as wine buffs do

about drink, and when sitting

down to a meal it is not at all

uncommon for a general dis-

and enjoying vegetables.

E. coli 0157 can be spread by

where in Britain.

DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

FOOD poisoning as the result cussion to follow about the

year. This year such "background" cases were running at about one a day.

"If one projects ahead on the basis of these figures, we are talking about an increase of over a quarter on last year. That is a significant increase. More background cases generally mean more outbreaks," Professor Pennington said.

Yesterday doctors at Central Scotland Healthcare Trust said the number of people affected in the outbreak at Falkirk and District Royal Infirmary has risen to 21, six of whom are showing symptoms of the illness. Thirteen are physically frail elderly", aged 72 to 95, from three of the four long-term care wards at the hospital. Seven are nurses and

length of time the animal has

been hung after slaughter.

and whether it was long

enough to bring out the fla-

vour of the joint, and tenderise

This connoisseurship about

meat results in it often being

hung for longer than it would

be in England. Lengthy

hanging of a carcass gives

contaminating bacteria a per-

tenderising of a joint through hanging is partly dependent

on the action of bacteria. The

diner must hope that the

deliciously tender steak has

been thoroughly cooked.

kirk Hospital but so far it is not known if these cases are linked to the E.coli outbreak. The hospital is screening about 70 elderly patients and more than 100 staff. The Scots falling victim outbreak, the sixth in Scotland in the past six months, was discovered on Saturday when to the love of meat three patients fell ill. Falkirk treated E.coli cases in the

outbreak last year. Professor Pennington said that while many of the 32 recommendations he made in his report published last month were being implemented, others would take time to put into effect. "Butchers are beginning to do things which we recommended and a lot of work is being done in slaughterhouses, but it is still very early days. Overall the level of E.coli is higher this year than last year and it looks as if it is

None is critically ill. Douglas

Harper, a medical director for

the hospital, said that no

source of the infection had been discovered. Samples from the hospital kitchens,

which provide 550 patients

with three meals a day, have

been sent to laboratories in

results will not be known until

the end of the week. Mr Harper said that without a

definitive source, the decision

had been taken to keep the

Mr Harper said an out-

break of sickness and diar-

rhoea has also occured on a

general medical ward in Fal-

kitchens open.

still on the increase." was difficult to come up with a single explanation as to why the incidence appeared to be so high in Scotland. "We are better at recording it than other parts of Europe but that

Because of the importance is a small factor. of good quality meat in the Scottish diet, there is also a "It may be that there is more of it in cattle here and more greater demand for meat pies people in Scotland are inmade by the local butcher. volved with cattle in their Many Scottish housewives dework. It tends to be seasonal spise the mass-produced variand there is more of it in eties of pie, however sterile summer but then there is also and however well-packed. an element of bad luck."



Aine Ni Chonaill wants to stop New Age travellers living off Irish social security

Teacher campaigns to keep foreigners out of Ireland

and buses are entitled to

£64.50 welfare benefits from

the day they arrive in Ireland.

substantially more than in the

Dominic Daly, an auction-

eer in Cork who catered for foreigners buying property, said Miss Ni Chonaill would

get support from voters for her stand against the New

Age travellers but not against English and Germans, who integrated with the Irish.

United Kingdom.

AN IRISH teacher trying to keep the British, Germans and other foreigners out of Ireland is standing as the country's first anti-immigrant candidate in next month's general election.

Aine Ni Chonaill, 51, is contesting a seat in southwest Cork, where dozens of English people have holiday homes. She wants, among other immigration issues, to stop foreigners buying Irish property and end the "plague" of English New Age travellers living off Irish social security.

Standing as the sole representative of the Immigration Control Platform. Miss Ni Chonaill, said political action was necessary to protect the homogeneity of Ireland. Describing multiculturalism as one of the greatest heresies of the 20th century", she wants restrictions placed on the sale of land and property to nonnationals. She also wants to deport EU nationals who have spent six months on Irish social welfare.

"I do not think when Irish people signed up the Euro-pean Union that they were aware that what they were saying was that 370 million people have a right to live in this country," she said. "Well. we have our own population of 3.7 million and I maintain that that is sufficient and should be protected."

Miss Ni Chonaill - who teaches four subjects including Irish and Russian at a tholic convent in Clonakilty - said wealthy British and Germans were causing grave difficulties in west Cork. Attracted by the beauty and tranquillity of the area, they moved in forcing unrealistic then joined local planning committees to prevent the Irish ruining their Utopia.

"I simply do not want anything other than very low levels of these people coming into my country - no matter whether they are German. British, Romanian or Zairean. They can stay away."

An estimated 500 foreigners buy holiday homes in west Cork each year and hundreds more New Age travellers -most of them British - live in the hills behind the coastal towns. The travellers, who live in dilapidated caravans

War poison held at two sites in Britain

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

TOXIC materials for research into chemical warfare are stored at two sites in Britain, the Ministry of Defence has disclosed for the first time.

The main facility for researching into chemical and biological warfare is at the chemical defence establishment at Porton Down, Wiltshire. Although all offensive chemical weapons developed by Britain were destroyed in the 1950s, toxic materials were stored at the Wiltshire plant for research.

The MoD said, however that the Royal Military College of Science at Shrivenham, Oxfordshire, was also still producing small quantities of toxic chemicals for research and teaching purposes. The disclosure was part of the Government's formal declaration of chemical holdings. required under the recently ratified Chemical Weapons Convention to which Britain is

In a 238-page document, the MoD also disclosed that small | out by the Bank of England.

quantities of nerve agent were produced for research purposes at Nancekuke, an RAF site at Portreath. Cornwall, up to 1978. Although research there was to help develop a defence against attack, some of the work was used by the United States until 1964 in developing its offensive programme. The MoD said the facility closed in 1980.

CORRECTION

England said yesterday that Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, would not be "taking control" from the Bank of some of the key preparations for a single European currency, as reported in The Times. They said that the Treasury and the DTI would issue detailed guidelines on what a single currency would mean work was previously carried

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Bully girls' attack drove schoolmate to commit suicide By Shirley English TWO teenage schoolgirls were found guilty yesterday of leading a vicious gang attack on a purpli who later killed herself to escape the bullying. Lee Arm Murray, 16, and Michelle McBramey, 17, both from Stornoway in the Western lsles, repeatedly kicked and punched Katherine Jane Mort

Isles, repeatedly kicked and punched Katherine Jane Morrison, 16, in the assault.

Miss Morrison, from Stornoway, was tormented by bullies at Nicolson Institute in Lewis, where she was known as a bright pupil. On Decem-ber 15, 1995 she was the victim of two attacks involving a gang of girls, egged on by Murray and McBratney, who punched and kicked her for about 15 minutes" one witness. said. Afterwards she needed hospital treatment.

Seven weeks later a friend warned her by telephone that another attack was planned and her tormentors were threatening to shave her head if she passed her Higher exams (the equivalent of A levels). After the call the anguished teenager, who planned to go to university. went to her bedroom, wrote a suicide note to her parents. and swallowed tablets from a prescription bottle. She was found dead the next day. Both Murray



Victim Miss Morrison: depressed by bullying

McBratney denied the joint attack and McBratney denied another charge of hitting the pupil earlier in the evening. centence was deferred at Stornoway Sheriff Court until June 10 pending background

The court heard that Miss Morrison, known as KJ, had been involved in a argument with the two girls at around 8pm during which she was punched in the face. Later she was walking in the town with a friend, Caroline Harbourne, 17, when her companion heard someone shout: "There she is,

Both Murray and McBratney attacked Miss Morrison again pushing her into Woolworth's doorway.



also interview the governor of

the kingdom's eastern prov-ince, Prince Mohammed bin

Fahd, the son of King Fahd.

The Australian team will also

interview the chief of police, a

leading member of Parlia-

He believed permission for

the interviews had been grant-

ed because the Saudi authori-

ties wanted to explain to a

Western audience that the

nurses' fate could ultimately

lie in the hands of Miss Gilford's family. Her body

was found in December on the

floor of her flat in the King

Fahd military medical com-

plex, where all three nurses lived and worked. She had

been stabbed, bludgeoned and

On Sunday the judge asked Miss Gilford's family not to

demand the death sentence if

the two women were convicted. He gave the family three

weeks to consider a concilia-

suffocated.

tory settlement.

ment and Mr Hejailan.

McBratney, left, and Murray leaving court yesterday

and

had found the evidence on both charges "sufficient and convincing". But he added: "It is clear that other unidentified females in addition to the accused also took part."

Shortly after Miss Morri-son's death, her father, Iain Morrison, revealed that his daughter had been depressed after the attack and was unable to concentrate on her studies. Mr Morrison, 47, a mental health care worker, and his wife Millie both said they believed the telephone warning had driven their daughter to take her life.

"One of the regrets we have is that she didn't confide in us that she was being bullied. But teenagers never do," Mr Morrison said. The devastated couple were not in court to hear the verdict yesterday.

Miss Morrison needed little study to pass exams and already had five As and two Bs at Standard Grade. She was expected to pass all her Highers. Her ambition was to get a management job in America. She had a younger brother, Scott, aged 14.

Yesterday Donald Mac-Donald the headteacher at Nicolson Institute, insisted the bullying incident had not taken place on the school grounds or within school hours.

"If anyone said there was a general problem of bullying and intimidatory behaviour at the school, I would say categorically no. We have good children who come from a nice community with very little criminal activity. That is not to say there is no bullying, but it is a such a low level that every single alleged incident is dealt with with great seriousness



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Britain's lost orphans head for home

THEY call themselves Britain's lost tribe. A group of 40 women who were sent to Australia as orphaned infants from British children's homes will fly into London from Perth today to meet

the families they have never known.

For some it will be the first chance to meet relatives they have spent 50 years trying to trace. Others are making what they describe as their "sentimental journey" in the hope of visiting their birthplaces and finding surviving family members.

The women, aged between 54 to 64. were all abandoned by their mothers in childhood and placed in British orphanages. They are among 10,000 victims of the "child immigrant scheme" operated after the war by 35 British charities who sent infants to Australia where they were set to work in labour camps, orphanages and religious schools.

Many experienced physical and sexual abuse. John Hawkins, of the Australian Child Migrant Foundation, said: "This will be a traumatic day for all concerned. Some will see A group of women abandoned at childhood and sent to Australia are returning to a country and families they have never known, writes Daniel McGrory

brothers, sisters, parents for the first time. Others will begin a search that will likely end with them knowing little more about their true identity.

"Many before them have made this ourney only to find their real families don't want to know them. It is almost impossible to imagine what it is like to go through life without an identity.

"About ten of this group will be seeing relatives for the first time. Six of them only know the villages and towns they came from but they want to smell the air there and feel the ground. It would be wonderful if at the end of it they could find a family link."

Christian charities who were involved in this immigration scheme have apologised for transporting the children, most of whom were illegitimate, and have helped to fund the private operation to trace their British and Irish families. Mr Hawkins said: *Unfortunately, neither the British nor Australian Governments will help to finance our search. If we had the money we could fill another jumbo jet tomorrow of these lost souls who want

This trip is costing his foundation over £100,000. He hopes that the publicity from this trip might persuade the Government to review its attitude to what he describes as "a disgraceful chapter of British postwar history". This practice continued until 1967. Often their real families were told that the children had died, or had been adopted in Britain.

to trace their roots."

All the 40 women arrived in Australia in 1947 aboard the cruiser Osterly

Mercy at St Joseph's Orphanage in Perth. The youngest was four and the oldest i4 years old

Charities argued that these children could expect a better life in Australia although the plan was motivated by the wish to save money in hardpressed British institutions.

This group of women were brought up together by the Sisters of Nazareth in Western Australia and contacted Mr Hawkins's charity to assist in tracing family links and funding this trip. The inspiration for the visit, Sheila Pearce, said: "We lost our country and our heritage; we lost everything when the governments decided to bring us out here." Mrs Pearce, 59, who is a great grandmother, was taken to Western Australia

from Northern Ireland at the age of 9.

The Catholic organisations who took these 40 women have helped fund the trip, and Sister Shella, the deputy congregation leader of the Sisters of Mercy, said she hoped it would help them comes to terms with

Trial nurses ask to | Man drowns | 1003 see victim's brother

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU AND ROGER MAYNARD

TWO British nurses accused television station to interview of murder in Saudi Arabia the women in prison on Sun-have invited the victim's day. Network 7 Australia will brother to visit them in prison so that they can appeal to him not to demand the death

The invitation to Frank Gilford, a taxi driver in Australia, was made by one of the lawyers for Deborah Parry and Lucille McClauchlan, who hope he will make the 10,000-mile journey as soon as

The girls will say they are innocent, and ask him to accept that something of a financial nature can be done for his sister," said Salah Hejailan, a Saudi lawyer, who has proposed a trust fund in memory of Yvonne Gilford to benefit the nursing profession. "I am inviting Frank Gilford as my guest to Saudi Arabia to see the girls and hear their story and I hope he will be

Mr Hejailan said that he had received unprecedented permission from the Saudi authorities for an Australian

saving boy in quarry

A MAN drowned after rescuing his girlfriend's young son from a disused quarry where they were swimming (Adrian Lee writes)).

Karl Lodwick managed to throw the five-year-old boy on to the bank of the 30ft deep pool in Llandrindod Wells. Powys, before disappearing under the water. Witnesses said the boy had been riding on Mr Lodwick's back when he got into difficulties.

A fire service diving team recovered the body of Mr Lodwick, 26, from Bridgend, Glamorgan, who had been camping near by and was enjoying a Bank Holiday swim with the child. The boy's mother, Joanne Cook, 25, was some 600 yards away and did not see the incident. The alarm was raised when her son. Curtis, was seen crying at the water's edge and explained what had happened.

In a second incident, a 20 year old man was feared drowned after jumping from a bridge into the River Usk at Llanfoist, Gwent, also on Monday afternoon.



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THE ENERGY TO BREAK THROUGH

Painter studies art of revenge

By DALYA ALBERGE ARTS CORRESPONDENT AN ARTIST took revenge on.

critics yesterday by unveiling a vitriolic work at the Roya which he accused them of anti-semitism and blamed them for the death of his wife. RB Kitaj says that his Sandra Three is revenge.

play on canvas". It features a painting puntuated with words such as "hate" and "kill" and a composition in-spired by Manet's Execution of Maximilian, with a monstrous figure facing the firingsquad. A razor is stuck on the surface, along with book titles about death.

The painting spans an en-tire wall of the Summer Show, which opens to the public on June 1. It also features a quote from Manet, as a master who suffered at the hands of critics: 'The anacks directed against me broke in me the

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mainspring of life." ago, which was followed by the loss of his wife, the artist Sandra Fisher. He now plans to return to his native Amerithe reviews contributed to the



Sandra Three at the Royal Academy

ca after decades in Britain. The critics retaliated yesterday. William Packer of The Kitaj was replying to critics Financial Times said the who savaged his retrospective problem was that "his wife at the Tate Gallery two years died within six weeks of the show opening. The two events have become linked in his mind." However, to suggest

death of his wife and were rooted in anti-semiticism was grossly offensive". Waldemar Januszczak of

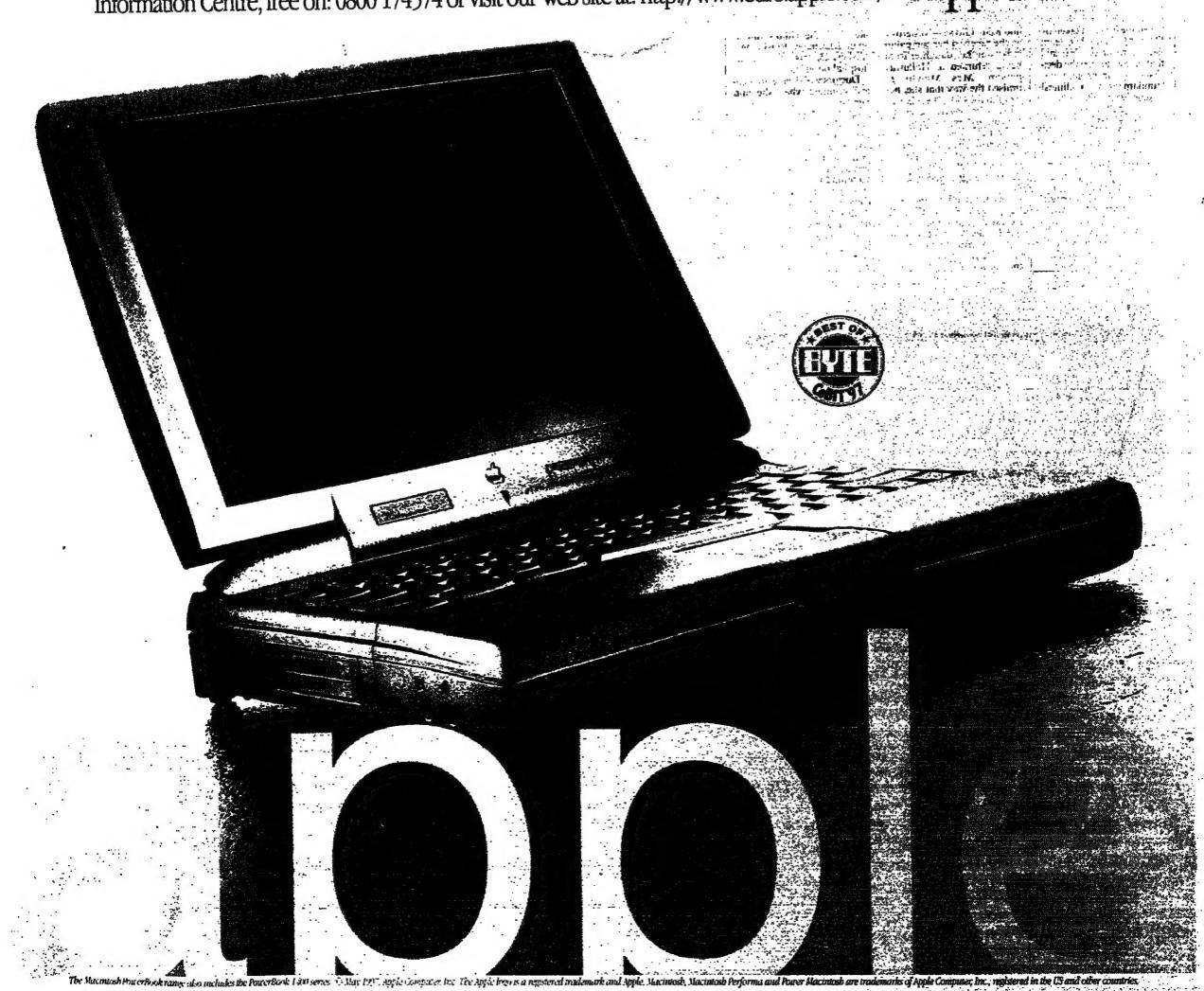
The Sunday Times, said that if Kitaj could not take criticism, he should live in Italy where he could pay critics.

Picture, page 26.

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Ecstasy case may lead to donor shake-up

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH

THE case of a dying schoolgirl who was refused a liver transplant could lead to a wide-ranging shake-up of the transplant service, a leading specialist said yesterday.

Paul McMaster, director of the liver transplant service at Birmingham University, said the "tragic case" of Michelle Paul, a 15-year-old girl from Aberdeen who died of liver failure in November 1995 after taking half an Ecstasy tablet, had raised concerns

among doctors.

Professor McMaster, speaking at the Fatal Accident Inquiry into Michelle's death, said that the issue of "opting out" of transplant donation, the reversal of the current situation, should be considered. He said this would have "quite a significant impact on the availability.

of organs."
Michelle's mother, Carolann Paul, a former drug addict, and her grandmother. Margaret Pirie, have both claimed that the decision to refuse the schoolgirl a transplant was made on moral grounds because of the family history of drug abuse and the fact that

was made on moral grounds because of the family history of drug abuse and the fact that Michelle had taken drugs. This claim is denied by Dr Hilary Sanfey, one of the surgeons at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary's liver transplant unit who refused the transplant. She told the inquiry that the decision was made for medical reasons. Another member of the transplant team, Niall Finlayson, said that Michelle's truancy and her drug-taking had played a part in the decision to refuse her the E60.000 operation.

Professor McMaster, who has prepared a report on the case, said he believed the decision taken by Dr Sanfey and her team had been correct. He said that he considered the decision not to transplant was "fundamentally a clinical judgment rather than a moral one" and that a transplant was "not an ordina"

But a psychiatrist involved in the case told Aberdeen Sheriff Court yesterday that Dr Sanley had a "closed mind" on the subject. George Masterton, a consultant psychiatrist, said Dr Sanley had made up her mind from the start not to give the girl a liver.

Father drops legal challenge to stop wife's abortion

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

JAMES KELLY yesterday ended his 12-day legal fight to stop his estranged wife from having an abortion.

He said financial hardship and the belief that Lynne Kelly might have the baby had led him to give up his battle to save the unborn child's life. His lawyers told three appeal judges at the Court of Session in Edinburgh that they had been instructed not to proceed with his appeal, which was due to be heard by the House of Lords on Monday.

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Mr Kelly, 28, from Inverkeithing, Fife, was told by the courts last week that he had no rights as a father to interfere in his wife's abortion decision but he succeeded in maintaining a temporary ban while the case continued.

His decision meant the interim interdict on Mrs Kelly, 21, was lifted, leaving her free to decide whether to go ahead with the termination. She is about 14 weeks pregnant. Legal experts said the court battle had made no difference to the law, it had merely served to reinforce earlier rulings that foetus and father have no legal rights that can influence a woman's decision on an abortion.

Sheila McLean, director of medical law and ethics at Glasgow University, said it was unlikely that any father would be allowed to challenge



James and Lynne Kelly on their wedding day

his partner's decision over a termination. However without a woman's right to choose enshrined in the Abortion Act 1967, the way was still open to mount cases that questioned the good faith of doctors to make decisions on whether operations could proceed. Mrs Kelly indicated earlier

Mrs Kelly indicated earlier this week that she may keep the baby if the long court delays meant she had to have labour induced. Beverley Johnson, her solicitor, said: "I don't know what her decision will be. That is for her to decide privately. And that is the important thing, that she has now been given back the right to choose and has a linte time to reflect. She is relieved and quite happy, under the circumstances, that Mr Kelly has taken this decision."

Mr Kelly said he had

changed his mind after his lawyer advised him that the case was "no longer about me and her, it was about changing the law". He said: "When I read that she may still have the baby. I decided to pin my hopes on that rather than take a big chance and be rotally destroyed financially."

Mr Kelly admitted he was in receipt of legal aid but said he had no other support. The frequent meetings with lawyers had temporarily cost him his job as a roofer, he said, and his house was being repossessed. He said he no longer had any feelings for his wife and hoped he did not have to see her again.

The couple separated three weeks ago after a stormy marriage in which each accused the other of violence and neglecting their 18-month-old daughter. Hazel. Mr Kelly was convicted of assaulting his wife a year ago.

his wife a year ago.

Mrs Kelly disclosed yesterday that he had another child from a past relationship, a three-year-old daughter Leigh, who he had not seen for about eight months and for whom he paid no maintenance.

Mr Kelly said: "Leigh was no secret and it was not my choice not to see her. Lynne got moody whenever I said I was going to visit. I should have been stronger and sorted it out better. I'm not going to let that happen with Hazel or the new baby."



Ruth Kelly, one of Labour's new MPs, with her son Eamonn, born on Monday

Bundle of joy for MP who joined labour party

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE Labour MP Ruth Kelly has given birth to a son just a month after winning her seat in the House of Commons.

The MP for Bolton West had the baby on Monday night at the Royal London

Hospital in Whitechapel.

Mrs Kelly and her hushand, Derek, have named
their first child Earnonn Frederick Gadd. He was born at
8.50pm on Monday, weighing
7lb Hoz. A spokesman for the
hospital said yesterday that
both mother and baby were
doing well.

The Labour Party media office announced the birth in a press release yesterday, using the basis of its campaign slogan in the releases's title: New Labour, New Baby, Tessa Jowell, the Minister for Public Health, sent congratulations to Mrs Kelly on

"another new Labour gain".

"Ruth will be a great inspiration to other young mothers and I am sure that she will remember that it is only to our children that we are irreplaceable."

TAROUND the House of Commons. Ruth will be neither short of advice nor willing arms to hold the baby. A baby around the House will be a great force for modernising the Palace of Westminster." Ms Jowell said.

Mrs Kelly previously worked at the Bank of England and for The Guardian newspaper.

A sunny name for McAliskey baby

By Richard Ford, home correspondent

THE terrorist suspect Roisin McAliskey has named her baby Loinnir, which means a ray of sunshine that filters through black clouds.

Bernadette McAliskey, the

Bernadette McAliskry, the child's grandmother, announced the name — pronounced "Linya" — yesterday as she renewed her campaign to prevent her daughter from being returned to Holloway prison. Mrs McAliskey praised the way that she, her daughter and the baby's father had been treated by police officers on guard at Whittington Hospital, north

"They have been exemplary in their treatment of us. I never thought police could behave so well," Mrs. McAliskey said at the Irish Centre in Camden, north London. "Everyone — the family, the hospital and the Metropolitan Police — obeyed the instructions of the

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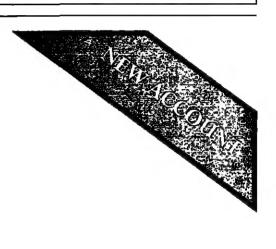
human decency, and certainly the family are very grateful

Her daughter and granddaughter were both well, she added. The baby was born on Monday after a ten-hour labour attended by Mrs McAliskey and the child's father, Sean McCotter. Roisin Mc-Aliskey, 25, was bailed to the hospital on Friday.

Doctors will decide on medical grounds when she and her baby can leave. Another High Court hearing will decide whether they return to the jail or live at another address in London. A nursing home in London has said it would be prepared to have them and the Irish Chaplaincy Centre has indicated that it could find accommodation.

Centre in Camden, north London. "Everyone — the family, the hospital and the Metropolitan Police — obeyed the instructions of the court in a spirit of dignity and Mrs McAliskey said that her daughter could offer sureties supplied by MPs and peers, and that she and her supporters had £100,000 surety available.





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Gay couple planning to share child with lesbians

BY PAUL WILKINSON

TWO disabled homosexuals gay." However, Manchester are seeking to "share" a surro-Social Services said yesterday are seeking to "share" a surro-gate baby with a leshian couple Russell Conlon and Christopher Joyce are making contacts through the gay press after saying that they have lost hope of being allowed to foster.

The male couple hope to find a woman prepared to have their baby and share it with them and her partner. Mr Conlon, 39, a former stonemason, replied to criticisms of their plan yesterday by saying: "It is our God-given right to be parents. We have a lot of love and experience to give. We feel we are committed to each other and ready to bring up a child. We are

Conlon, top, and Joyce

looking for a lesbian couple to help us. We wouldn't reject a heterosexual mother, but ideally we would want parentsharing with a lesbian couple.

You see ads like: Happy lesbian couple seeks gay do-nor for co-parenting. We've responded to about 20 or 30 adverts and are waiting for replies." They also plan to place their own advert.

Mr Conlon has arthritis and brittle bone syndrome. Mr Joyce, 32, a former joiner, has epilepsy. They began their relationship last August, and share a council house in Collyhurst, Manchester. They have applied to adopt, but Mr Conlon said: "We were turned down on the ground of our disability. Then they told us we couldn't adopt either because we are disabled and on benefit. That is a a national debate on the whole

that no final decision had been made about allowing the couple to adopt. A spokesman said: "As with any application for either adoption or fostering, the needs of the children must come first. Once a medical report on this couple is received, it will be considered by our Adoptions Panel who will then determine whether it

is appropriate for their appli-cation to proceed." The couple are also applying to the Albert Kennedy Trust to offer lodgings to gay teenagers. They are members of Happy Families, a support group for gay parents. Mr Joyce, who would be the sperm donor as Mr Conlon is mable to have children, said: Being gay doesn't mean we can't be good parents. We have both had HIV tests. I appreciate that having two mums and two dads could be confusing, and no one is a perfect parent. But I have wanted children all my life and now I've found the right

A spokesman for the Mothers' Union said yesterday: "We would be against an arrange ment like this because the velfare of the child is so important. If the baby was shipped around between two homes instead of having a mum and dad in the same house it would be very confusing."

person I want to go ahead

Nicholas Winterton, the Conservative MP for Macclesfield, Cheshire, said: "What is the world coming to? To seek to bring up a child in that situation would be unnatural and totally wrong. It may be a mutually beneficial arrangement for the men in the homosexual relationship, but it wouldn't be beneficial for the

The Rev Ian Brown, of St Paul's Anglican church in Halfwell, near Bolton, near Manchester, said: "This is the wrong environment, and very confusing. Children should be brought up in a heterosexual marriage. We're moving awa from the stable family unit." The British Medical Associ-

ation, which favours surrogacy under strictly regu-lated conditions, has called for



The first women to complete a Pole trek: Caroline Hamilton, Zoë Hudson, Lucy Roberts and Pom Oliver were the last of five relay teams

Women conquer ice treadmill to reach Pole

By Joanna Bale

FOUR British women celebrated with champagne yesterday after becoming the first female team to reach the North Pole. Caroline Hamilton, 32, Pom Oliver, 45. Zoë Hudson, 30, and Lucy Roberts, 27, reached the Pole at 4.45am after a two-month relay involving five teams.

Mary Nicholson, an expedition

spokeswoman, said: "They are just

stretch." The women completed their 230-kilometre leg in ten days, during which they were forced to walk for more hours because of strong Arctic Ocean currents shifting the ice backwards.

Three aircraft flew from the expedition base camp at Resolute Bay, northern Canada, to pick them up. On board were base camp members, families of the team and crates of

champagne. The women were not available for comment, having signed an exclusive contract with a tabloid

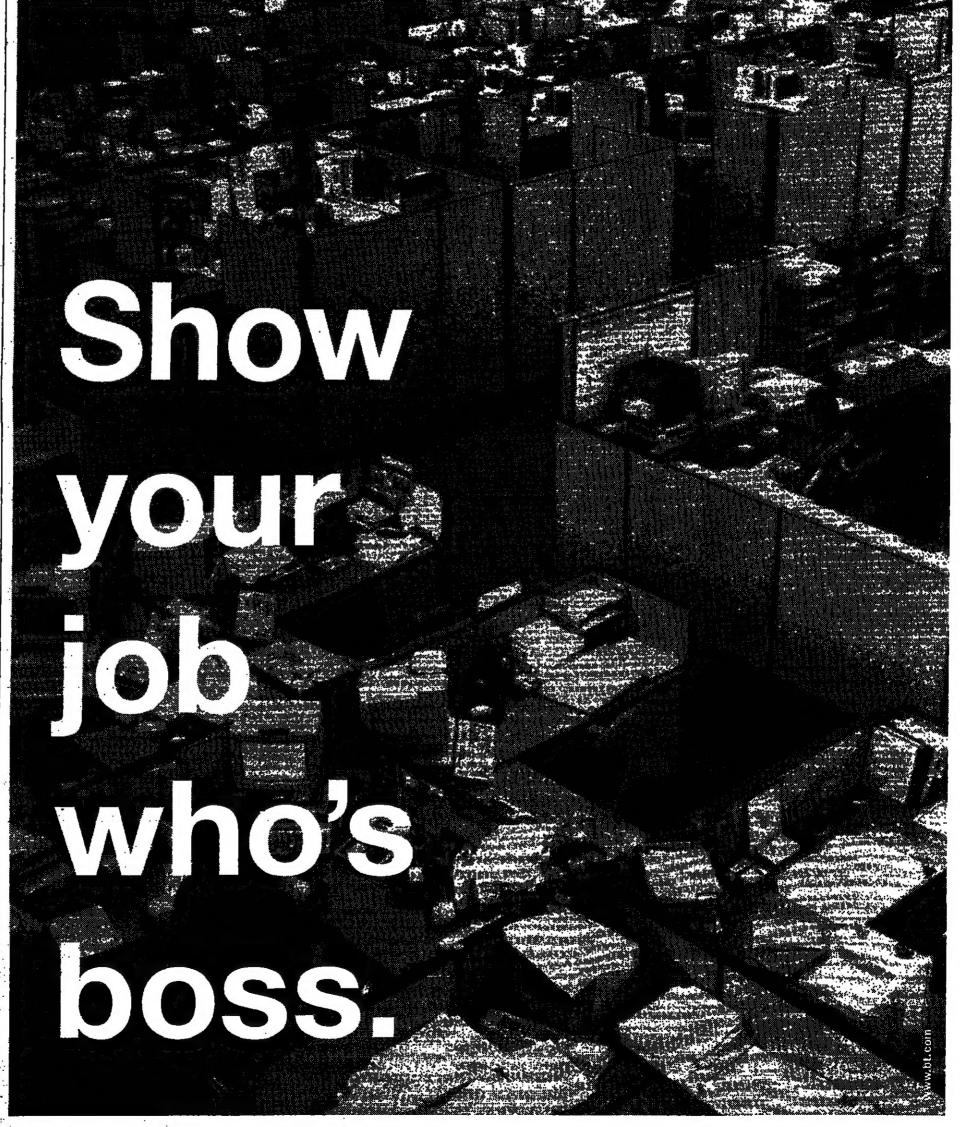
Kent Walwin, a film financier who is the husband of Ms Oliver, said: "I'm relieved that they are OK and amazed how fast they did it. They were doing incredible mileage, better than many of the male expeditions." The £250.000 expedition was organised by the Dartmoor-based Polar Travel

Company, whose director, Pen Had-ow, said that the shifting ice made the trek "like walking on a treadmill". The team, who each pulled 120lb sledges of equipment and provisions, will arrive at Resolute Bay today and return to Britain on Monday. They were the last of five relay teams which since March had struggled along the 770-kilometre route from Ward Hunt Island, the northernmost tip of Cana-

da. Each team was airlifted out



Saturday in



Surrogate granny hopes to help others

By PAUL WILKINSON

campaign to help childless couples contemplating asking a third person to bear a baby for them. Edith Jones, who gave birth to her own granddaughter six months ago, said that she wanted to offer support based on her own,

Mrs Jones, 51, was impregnated with a fertilised egg from her daughter, Suzanne Langston. Her granddaughter, Caitlin, was delivered by Caesarean section in December. Mrs Langston, 22; and her husband, Chris, are un-able to have a child of their own because she was born without a womb.

Mrs Jones, from Darlington, Co Durham, said: "I want to tell people how it can work are strangers."

BRITAIN'S first surrogate and be a good thing if it is grandmother has launched a done properly. I am prepared to talk to people and write to thinking of going down the

same road as us. For many childless couples surrogacy is the only option, but I would be the first person to tell them it isn't easy. But they would only have to see how happy my daughter is these days to realise it can be very worthwhile."

She admitted that, after nine months of pregnancy, she felt bereft about letting the child go. She said: "I was depressed after I gave birth because, in a way. I had nothing to show for the nine months I had spent pregnant. It was hard for me so I can imagine it must be much harder for people who

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Clintons' desire to have fun in London ties tourist chiefs in knots

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

LONDON'S premier tourist attractions, already overloaded with schoolchildren on half-term, are braced for a last-minute security alert in advance of President Clinton's whistle-stop visit to Brit-

ain tomorrow. What is worrying every tourist manager from the Tower of London to Legoland is what Bill and Hillary Clinton are going to do with a spare afternoon after a with Tony and Cherie Blair. Neither Downing Street, the US Embassy, nor the White House would give a clue last night.

However, as part of the Clintons' desire to "have fun in London", a shortlist of potential tourist sites has been earmarked as suitable for the President's huge security entourage, some of which has already arrived in London. The final decision on the venue for the presidential "drop-in" will not be made until today, when the selected tourist spot will be notified. The Clintons will fly in tomorrow morning from The

Netherlands, where the President, fresh from the Nato summit, has been celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the Marshall Plan. They will go straight to Downing Street to meet the Prime Minister and

then entertain them to lunch in Downing Street. The 15-minute informal meeting with Cabinet members, which may be televised, is intended to demonstrate a new-found warmth between the two administrations.

The men are expected to discuss

issues ranging from Nato to

his wife, and members of the

Cabinet. Mr and Mrs Blair will

the women is not known.

The White House maintained yesterday that the President's visit was purely a welcome gesture to Mr Blair and his Government. "We are trying to play down the image of four yuppie lawyers hanging out together," one US official said. The visit is really a chance to talk to the new Prime Minister of one of our closest allies, with whom we have a very close relationship."

When Mr Blair visited Washington in 1996 he was fêted by the . to restore the intimacy that Clinton camp, and it is said that

he learnt many valuable lessons joyed in the 1960s and 1970s. from Mr Clinton's successful campaigning style. There is an undoubted warmth between the two leaders; despite official denials, the Clinton administration's relationship with the Major Government was always dogged by the memory of its support for George

Now there is talk in Washington that Mr Blair may become America's chief interlocutor in Europe, coupled with a certain delight that the Clinton-Blair axis may be able Labour and the Democrats en-

Bush in 1992.

After lunch the Prime Minister and the President are expected to hold a joint press conference. in the Downing Street garden if weather permits, after which the

Clintons will move on to the US Embassy in Grosvenor Square to address staff. But that still leaves several hours free before Air Force One is scheduled to fly back to Washington in the late evening.

The news that the Clintons intend to "have a ball' whilst awaiting their flight home has worried tourist chiefs. The manager of one major London tourist great photo in the loyer, but I'd rather they didn't come during the school holiday. It could be a bit chaotic with hundreds of schoolchildren milling around."

Up to 60 security guards will accompany the President during a visit said to be "easy on formality". But according to a British security source last night "Clinton's lot wouldn't know what a relaxed day out in London was. They have never heard of an unplanned visit and his security people are everywhere, even checking the brickwork in Downing Street."

Diplomats join editor in race for Washington post

WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

A SEARCH for the candidate to fill one of the country's most glittering posts. Ambassador to Washington, is under way in Whitehall.

The post carries a salary of between £90,000 and £125,000, meagre by business standards, but with power and influence unrivalled in the private sector. Sir John Kerr. the incumbent, is to return in the autumn to head the Diplomatic Service and speculation Washington and London.

Foreign Office officials are jittery about the appointment. which many fear could go to an outsider. Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, has announced that he intends to bring in senior figures to key diplomatic missions, but officials are ready to persuade him that Washington is the wrong job in which to experi-



Kerr to be next head of the Diplomatic Service

ment. They believe the post

The general view is that there is no obvious candidate. which could open the way for Tony Blair to consider an imaginative appointment. On the cocktail circuit in Wash-

needs someone with "savvv and who can work on the main issues: the economy, trade, defence and security.

Brown, 43, editor of The New this year, with her husband, Harold Evans, the president of Random House, she organised a fund-raising party

for Mr Blair.

There has never been a woman in charge of the Washington Embassy and senior ministers are aware of the traditional jobs-for-the-boys image of the Foreign Office. While Miss Brown would no doubt bring new lift to the Lutyens residence that goes with the job, she is thought to be too frivolous for the post.

In Labour circles another woman's name is being mentioned. Dame Pauline Neville-Jones, 57, who left the Foreign Office after being passed over as Ambassador to Paris, has the credentials. She served at the embassy during the Watergate affair and has given informal advice to Labour politicians. The move would be fearfully resisted by senior liplomats.

The most senior woman in the Foreign Office, she left after 33 years to take up a £200.000-a-year job as head of





Washington stakes: Sir Dennis Weatherstone, Tina Brown and Sir Stephen Wall are among the contenders to become Ambassador

iobal business strategy at NatWest Markets. Friends say she would jump at the call, pointing out that she has remained close to Madeleine Albright, the American Secretary of State, who wrote to her recently saying how much she missed her on the diplomatic

One senior American diplomat suggested another outsider steeped in Anglo-American Weatherstone, 66, the former chairman and now director of J.P. Morgan and Co, the Wall Street bankers. "He would be able to do the job. He is a substantial figure and knows

diplomat said. Inside the Foreign Office the front-runners are Jeremy Greenstock, the political director, and Paul Lever, European Union and economic affairs director, both aged 53.

Mr Greenstock, an old Harrovian and Oxford-educated, is affable and extrovert, has served twice in Washington and would find it easy to take on the social side of the job. Mr Lever is considered more uncoventional. Educated at St Paul's and Oxford, colleagues describe him as a "first-principle thinker" who is reserved and tends to avoid the social side of Foreign Office life. His wife, Patricia, is also a Foreign Office official. There is speculation that senior ministers might wish to move Sir Stephen Wall: permanent representative to the EU, to a new post, emphasising the fresh approach to Europe. An extremely able man who has served in Washington, Sir Stephen would be a

too close to John Major. having served in his private office and acted as troubleshooter in Brussels. One diplomatic source said: "If they suspect his loyalty he will be out of Brussels but not

strong contender. The un-

known quantity is whether

senior ministers feel he was

hand, if Tony Blair wishes to show he accepts the principle of officials being non-political and working for any administration, he could send him to Washington and put Lever in

Many senior Foreign Office

men were reshuffled a year ago and it would be considered too soon to move them again. Michael Jay, for example, has been in Paris for just over a year, while Christopher Meyer, former Downing Street press secretary, has only recently settled in Bonn and David Gore-Booth. another high-flyer, is still new

Mr Blair will play a key role

in the selection and will have impeccable advice from Jonathan Powell, his chief of staff, who worked at the Washing-

ton Embassy at the time of President Clinton's election. He will be wary not to repeat the decision of Lord Callaghan of Cardiff, who appointed the economist and broadcaster Peter Jay, then his son-in-law, to the post. The appointment is usually

made a few months before any formal handover. Sir John Coles, head of the Diplomatic Service, is understood to be working on the appointment and to be preparing a series of moves to present to Mr Cook

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SOME say there are three centres of power in Washing-ton: the White House, the Capitol and the British Em-The British Embassy remains one of the most prestigious in Washington. The new bassy, a bizarre complex that Ambassador needs to be as much a society contrasts a palatial Lutyens residence with the brutal muhost as a diplomat, writes Tom Rhodes

nicipal style of its chancery.

Although the British role in the United States has diminished since the Cold War, few will dispute that this national showcase remains the most socially prestigious and probfrom official engagements. ably the most influential of Washington's 167 diplomatic At one time the embassy

is no closer relationship in the Western alliance. Dinners given by the Brit-ish Ambassador attract the most senior members of the Washington establishment; historical and cultural ties between the two nations are as strong as ever. At the heart of the new Ambassador's task will be the whirl of entertainment, both at the residence and outside. An endless stream of Cabinet ministers, chief executives and others

establishments. On matters of

defence and intelligence there

pass through Washington. Lady Kerr, who is married to the current Ambassador, Sir John, considers herself lucky to have two nights a week free

retained its own baggage handlers at Dulles Airport to welcome the numerous visi-tors. Although the private staff has shrunk considerably. the Ambassador still has a butler and 15 house staff. He has three private office staff, in addition to Amanda Downes, the social secretary who has been managing the diary since the time of Sir Antony Acland in the late 1980s. A Rolls-Royce and two Jaguars are maintained by the embassy but other official cars are leased. The residence. designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens, the last great architect of the English country house, was built in 1928 and is a national treasure abroad.

From the white pillars and sweeping grand staircases of its entrance, dominated by a lifesize portrait of the Queen, to the glittering ballroom, panelled private study and formal gardens, the building on Massachusetts Avenue prompts an awesome sense of presence and tradition.

There are constant reminders of the strength of Anglo-American relations. A statue of Churchill for whom the place became almost a second home, dominates the grass outside the gates. A portrait of Montgomery painted by President Eisenhower hangs in the morning room. The embassy has played host to monarchs. Prime Ministers. thespians, writers and aca-

A Lutyens palace where prestige still reigns

It has eight bedrooms, enough to accommodate a royal entourage while still making a night in the guest quarters a worthy sign of recognition. Decoration is at the discretion of the ambassador. Sir John and Lady Kerr have maintained a traditional style but there are occasional personal touches. While his predecessor. Sir Robin Renwick, held to the politically correct edicts of the Americans, Sir John, a confirmed smoker, had ashtrays dotted around within hours of his arrival. Among the ancestral paintings is one of William

Kerr, a Scottish relative. The new Ambassador will arrive at a significant moment. Whatever the official denials, relations between President Clinton and John Major were never easy. Mr Clinton has signalled that he wants a fresh start by schedul-



British Embassy in Washington: "a national treasure abroad that prompts an awesome sense of presence

ing a six-hour visit to London tomorrow. Whether Whitehall and the White House can reinvent the links of the Thatcher-Reagan years re-

mains to be seen. Nonetheless, the talk alone has made the Prime Minister's choice of envoy to the United States the constant chatter of the Washington dinner circuit. James Callaghan, the last Labour Prime Minister, made a legendary mistake in appointing Peter Jay. his bright young son-inlaw. His attempts to inspire the youthful Administration of President Carter singularly

Joint move to fight Russian mafia

BY STEWART TENDLER

BRITISH and Russian investigators will unite to combat the spread of East European maña gangs under plans for a joint crackdown announced by Downing Street yesterday.

Moscow and London will exchange

intelligence on the gangsters who have already moved into Western drugs and vice rings. The legal machinery for gathering evidence for action against the

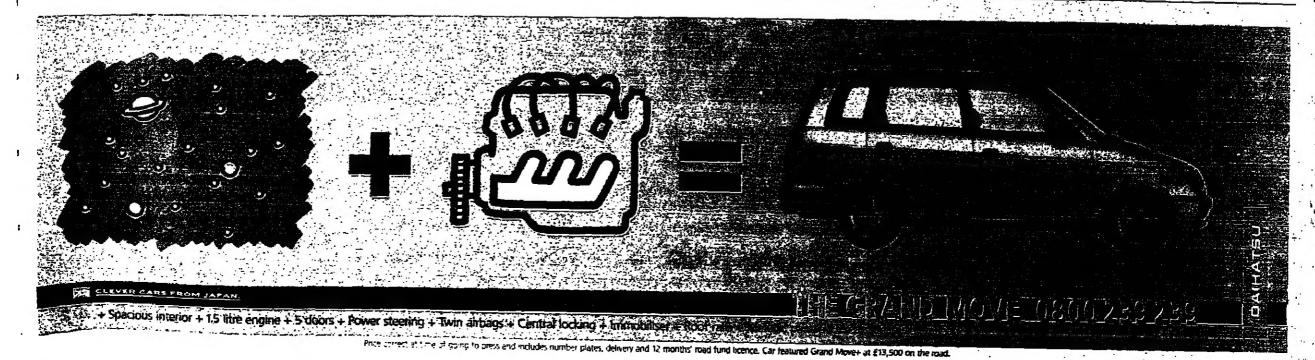
and detectives could work much more closely to track down the gangs.

News of the planned strategy came yesterday after talks between the Prime Minister and President Yeltsin in Paris. Afterwards officials said the Russians had agreed to sign a joint declaration of cooperation on organised crime which will probably be completed in October

when Mr Blair goes to Moscow. During the summer Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, and Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, will visit the Russian capital to pave the way for the joint

agreement. Police, Customs officials, the National Criminal Intelligence Service and the Crown Prosecution Service will be involved in talks on what many Western investigators regard as one of the biggest threats of the 1990s. Within the next month a senior Customs officer will open an office in Moscow where a team of British officers will work. The Russians themselves estimate there are now at least 5,000 gangs working in their country with at least 32,000 members. At the top there are about 350 major players directing





He was a brave man, treated appallingly, says family of Somme sergeant

want him pardoned and

want his name engraved on

his local war memorial in

Another case involved Sub-Lieutenant Edwin Dyett, 21, the only member of the Royal

Naval Division, which acted

as an infantry force in land

battles, to be executed. He was court-martialled for refusing

to obey a "lawful order", in November 1916. At his court

martial it was admitted that

he was a man quite unsuited

to soldiering but no defence

witnesses were called. He was

Andrew MacKinlay, Lab-our MP for Thurrock, who has

led the campaign for the sol-diers to be pardoned, said: "I

am certain that even the most

brief look at the wartime

documents will demonstrate

that the rules of natural justice were not applied. I think all

the trials were flawed and in

so many cases the argument is

buttressed by the fact that the men were shell-shocked, had

been hospitalised, had suf-

fered from trauma and stress

before being obliged to return

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executed on January 5, 1917.

Crook, in Durham."

Minister gives new hope of pardon for executed soldiers

BY MICHAEL EVANS.
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE great-nephew of a sereant who was one of 307 First World War soldiers executed for cowardice and desertion was given hope yesterday that his campaign for a pardon might at last succeed.
Tom Stones, 57, discovered

only last year from released records that his great-uncle had been executed for throwing away his rifle. The case of Sergeant Joseph Stones, 25, of the 19th Durham Light Infantry, and the others shot after court martial in the Great War are to be reviewed by the new Government. The move could lead to royal pardons, al-though John Reid, the Armed Forces Minister, said yesterday that he did not want to raise talse hopes.

The Royal British Legion welcomed Dr Reid's decision to review the cases.

Mr Stones, from Stafford, said that his great-uncle had been a courageous soldier who had gone over the top on many occasions. Yet one small incident "which had nothing to do with desertion" had led to his execution. "He was me really angry," he said.
On November 26, 1916, on

the Somme, Lance Sergeant Stones and a Lieutenant Mundy had climbed out of their trench to go on pairol. As they reached the lip of King's Crater, they were ambushed

by a German raiding party. The officer was shot dead. Sergeant Stones's rifle was still in its leather cover, so he was unable to return fire. He



Sub-Lieutenant Edwin Dyett was shot in 1917

and ran back, shouting a warning to the men in their dugouts: Among those who fled as the Germans gave chase were Lance Corporal Peter Goggins and Lance Cor-poral John McDonald.

in Sergeant Stones's attempt to warn his battalion headquarters of the raiding party, he collapsed and was taken to hospital, unable to walk or speak. He had been fighting for ten months and appeared to be in shock.

The next day he was arrested and accused of shamefully casting away his arms in the presence of the enemy. He was shot by firing squad in a farm-yard at Rollencourt on January 18, 1917, with Corporals Goggins and McDonald, who had been charged with leaving their posts without orders from a superior officer.

Mr Stones plans to visit the grave of his great-uncle this year, in the war cemetery at St Fol, near Agincourt. There is

no mention on the gravestone that he died in action," Mr jammed it across the trench to Stones said. "His command-'Chaplain never met

three braver men

was reproduced at length in the book Shot at Dann (pub-

lished by Leo Cooper).
"A motor ambulance arrives conveying the doomed men. Manacled and blindfolded they are beloed out and tied up to the stakes. Over each man's heart is placed an envelope. At the sign of command the firing parties, twelve to each, align their

The officer in charge holds his stick aloft and, as it falls. 36 bullets usher the souls of

helped to carry those bodies towards their last resting place: I collected all the bloodsoaked straw and burnt it.

"I took all their belongings from the dead men's tunics (discarded before being shot). A few letters, a pipe, some fags, a photo. I could tell you of the silence of the military police after reading one letter from a little girl to 'Dear Daddy' of the chaplain's confession that braver men he had never met than those three he prayed with just before the fatal dawn."



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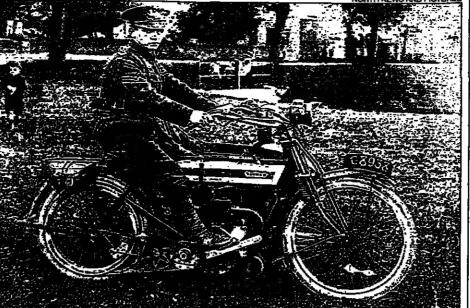
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Lance Corporal Peter Goggins was shot by firing squad in January 1917, along with Lance Corporal John McDonald and Sergeant Joseph Stones



Veterans of the Falklands look for remembrance

SAILOR who served in the Falklands War is believed to be living as a vagrant, sufferdisorder after his experiences 15 years ago. His case was ation yesterday as an example of how mental suffering is still affecting many who took part

The organisers of a reunion to be staged in Portsmouth on June 14, marking the anniver-sary of the Argentine surrender in Port Stanley, are trying to trace the ex-Royal Navy sailor, believed to be in the Plymouth area. Derek Cole, founder of the South Atlantic Medals Association, who served as a petty officer on HMS Intrepid, said: "The reports of this veteran underline the importance of having an association to help these sort of people. The trouble is, the Falklands War is old news. All the focus now is on those suffering from Gulf

War syndrome. Organisers are hoping that large proportion of the 29,500 men and women who took part in the South Atlantic war, including civilians and merchant seamen, will attend the reunion. An open air concert has been arranged at HMS Sultan, a Royal Navy training establishment, fol-lowed by a march-past in the

There's a Great Deal going on

versary of the battle of Goose Green, the biggest land battle involving an exclusively British Army regiment since the Second World War. The 2nd Battalion The Parachute Reg-iment forced the surrender of more than 1,400 Argentinians. One veteran. Steve Dever-

eux, a private with C Company 2 Para, recalled yesterday how he was attacked with napalm. Mr Devereux, now 37, said two Argentine aircraft flew over and one dropped a cannister that exploded about 40ft away: "I thought a fuel tank must have fallen off. But it was a huge ball of flame and the oxygen was sucked out of the air for a few seconds. My moustache and sideburns were singed." He went on to join the SAS and wrote a book of his experiences, Terminal

Mark Sherben-Browne, a private with support company 2 Para, still hates to talk about his experiences: "I remember certain situations every day. There was one occasion when we were moving towards a position and we came across a young Argie with his brains in his helmet Memories like that are all too vivid."

Seventeen members of 2 Para were killed, including Lieutenant-Colonel "H Jones, the commanding officer, who was awarded a

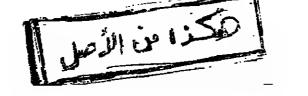


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Rural new town puts Labour to the test

By Adexandra Prean Local government correspondent

boost after government appointed examiners recommended that the development should go ahead:

The scheme to turn the village of Micheldever Station, near Winches ter, into a new town complete with schools, shops and a church are fiercely opposed by local residents and the county council.

views the conflicting demands of environmental protection and hous-PLANS to build a town with 5,000 company that owns the land, says homes in the heart of the Hampshire countryside have received a important contribution to solving the problem of where to build the new, homes that Britain needs. More than four million such homes will be required in the next 20 years.

Bill Bromwich, Eagle Star's project director, said that the 1,200 acre development on undulating farmland would be built in the style of traditional Hampshire The outcome of the case will be a towns such as Romsey, Petersfield test of how the Labour Government and Ringwood. This is not a hous-

will have at least three primary schools, a secondary school, shops, a medical centre, a sports centre, allotments, a town park and a church." he said.

Eagle Star also plans to offer about 20 per cent of the homes for renting or shared ownership through housing associations and there would be a wide range of property for private ownership. Light in-dustry is planned and 10,000 new. jobs are promised. Among the benefits of the proposals, highlighted in the Examination in Public

report published by the panel of examiners, are that Micheldever railway station, on the Southampton-London line, is at present under used and that the town is within easy access to the M3.

The developer's dream, however, can be a local resident's nightmare. Few towns have managed to get planning permission in recent years, with the rest blocked mainly by local opposition.

Hampshire County Council is refusing to comment on the report until it has consulted with "all interested parties" -- a process expected to take months. It has in the past edge of existing towns rather than levelopment in the countryside.

The council, which is now under Conservative control, has made provision for 44,000 new homes to meet demand up to 2011, while the examiners' report recommends 56,000. If the county refuses to provide for 56,000 homes, Whitehall might intervene to ensure that it does. To complicate matters, the county council now has to consult with the unitary authorities for Portsmouth and Southampton before taking any

strategic housing decisions. Tim Cordy, director of the Town

believes that counties such as Hampshire should accept that a mixture of urban in-fill and new town development is inevitable. "The buck has to stop somewhere," Mr Cordy said. "If Hampshire is going to argue that 56,000 new homes by 2011 is inappropriate, it is likely that some other area of the country is going to have to pick up its shortfall. Environmentalists argue that building on greenfield sites is cheating our children out of their

future, but we also cheat on our children if we don't build enough homes for them to live in."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Preachers guilty of refusing to quit inferno

Four preachers were found guilty yesterday of obstructng the police by refusing to stop giving angry pubgoers a sermon on the the evils of

mentalist Faith Ministries. based in Leeds, had to be arrested for their own safety at closing time in February as drinkers spilled out of the 18 pubs in York's Micklegate area, which is known locally as Dante's Inferno. The preachers, who all denied the charge, were given a 12-month conditional discharge by York magistrates and ordered to pay £70 costs.

Baby-trial delay

The trial of a Briton accused of smuggling two children aged 15 months and two years out of Romania was adjourned at Oradea, Transylvania, because his lawyer was ill. John Boast, 46, from Great Harwood, Lancashire, has denied the charges, which carry a combined maximum sentence of eight years. Thousands of babies were taken out of Romania before 1994, when adoption rules were toughened.

Cold-care alert

Packets of the cold treatment Night Nurse Capsules are being recalled because some mistakenly contain a leaflet meant for the milder Day Nurse Capsules, which have a more repeated doseage. Users following the wrong instructions could suffer drowsiness all day. The manufacturer, SmithKline Beecham; said that packets with the serial number BN466E should be returned to chemists for exchange.

Ushered back

A 6ft prisoner armed with a knife leapt from the dock at Lewes courthouse, East Sussex, ran past two security guards and was on his way out through the foyer when he was brought down by a rugby tackle from a 5ft 2in court usher, Melinda Brignall,

Murder hunt

Police investigating the murder of Christine Hayes, 43, have questioned her unnamed common-law husband. Ms Hayes was reported missing on Monday and was later found suffocated in woods half a mile from her home near Ashford. Kent.

Happy landing

A hang-glider pilot survived a 100ft fall over the North York Moors by landing in a bed of heather. Daniel Murphy, 24, from Skelton, near Middlesbrough, suffered a broken ankle and bruised back in the fall. after his hang-glider folded in mid-air.

On the hop

A burglar was caught by police when his false leg fell off as he climbed a fence. Robert Cox. 36, of Wick. West Sussex, was jailed for 21 months at Chichester. He originally lost his leg when gangrene set in after he shot



CLIVE DIXON, a tenant volved in a battle to keep the creeping sprawi of suburbia from his village doorstep. Like fellow members of the Dever Society, founded to campaign against the dev-elopment, he understands the need for new housing but believes that the planned town will destroy the heart of the county.

Prepared to be convinced of the merits of a new town, the society organised a trip to New Ash Green in Kent. "It was everything we dreaded: a godforsaken, dreary place. Mr Dixon said.

From his home near Micheldever Station, where building would start, he can gaze over acres of wheatfields. once farmed by his father and now by his son, Adrian,



which would be onvered with rows of houses. As a tenant he has no say over change of land use and would receive

jects to new houses," Mr Dixon said. We know they are needed. But what this will do is trigger off a process that will totally after the heart of the county. This new town is bound to spread outwards and, over the years, we are going to end up with a millennium city stretching ter and Southampton.

There are 400 villages in the county - why not haild 20 or 30 new houses in each? You solve the problem without destroying the county's character in the process. This is not about us trying to keep. our livelihoods. We just want good sense to prevail."

At the Dever Arms in Micheldever village, two miles away. David Bunting, a computer consultant, agreed

that the development was the than end of the wedge. Local people were worsied that the town would eventually en-

creach on all the villages. This isn't a question of property prices. Locals aren't frightened of losing out — if anything those with period houses find their property becomes more valuable in comparison to the new ones but they just like their village

Tve only been living here eight years, so I'm a relative newcomer, but these villages have so much character that everydae is very sensitive about fitting in, joining in local fittes, signing up to the church cleaning rota. That will all go with a new town. instead we'll have a precinct and a fheme pub on our

doorstens."
Affred Bond, 84, has lived n a row of railway cottages at Micheldever Station for 63 years and has seen little strip of land behind the cottages, including his allotment, has been bought by the property developers. Mr Bond Is worried that he will lose his right to work the allotment Twe had these letters telling me I have to apply to lease trees will be gone I'm just glad I probably won't be here to see it"

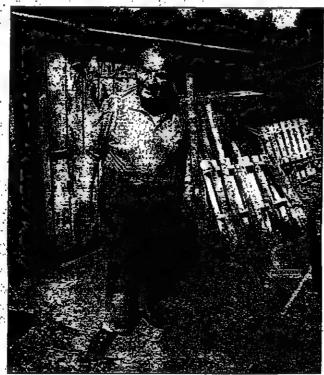
Only his near neighbour. Doris Quinn, 69, had any enthusiasm for change. She has lived there for half a century, with the only change being a grain mill built opposite the front of the cottages. She thinks that new housing would bring better amenities "it's quite difficult for an elderly person living here and, to be honest, I would welcome the facilities. It would be nice if we had a doctor's surgery and shops within walking distance. I am

prepared to sacrifice a bit of

scenery for that."

Mrs Quinn said that her feelings were influenced by a previous experience with planning authorities. I campaigned against the grain mill being built in the early 1970s and that didn't achieve much. did it? Quite honestly I haven't got the energy. This town is going to happen whether we like it or not.







Flawed visions of a better life in the sticks

BY MARCUS BINNEY AMERITECTURE CORRESPONDENT

THE pages of history are full of new towns that have failed outright or enjoyed at best a sluggish existence. The best towns grow organically and new capitals such as Canberra and Brasilia have taken decades to gather life and momentum.

One classic study of new towns in the Middle Ages lists 23 English towns, 18 Welsh and 44 in Gascony planted by English kings that disappeared or dwindled to a handful of cottages. Successful ones such as Liverpool, Portsmouth and Salisbury owed their eras of prosperity to other factors. In

Britain the most successful new towns are the garden cities of the early years of this century such as Letchworth (1903) and Welwyn Garden City. founded by the social reformer Sir Ebenezer Howard, who thought that working people would be happier living in self-contained rural communities than in crowded inner cities. Though there is much attractive housing in Letchworth, the town was slow to attract industry and failed to generate funds for the public buildings originally envisaged.

By contrast some postwar new towns such as Skelmersdale, Runcorn and Peterlee have become a byword for some of the worst housing of the

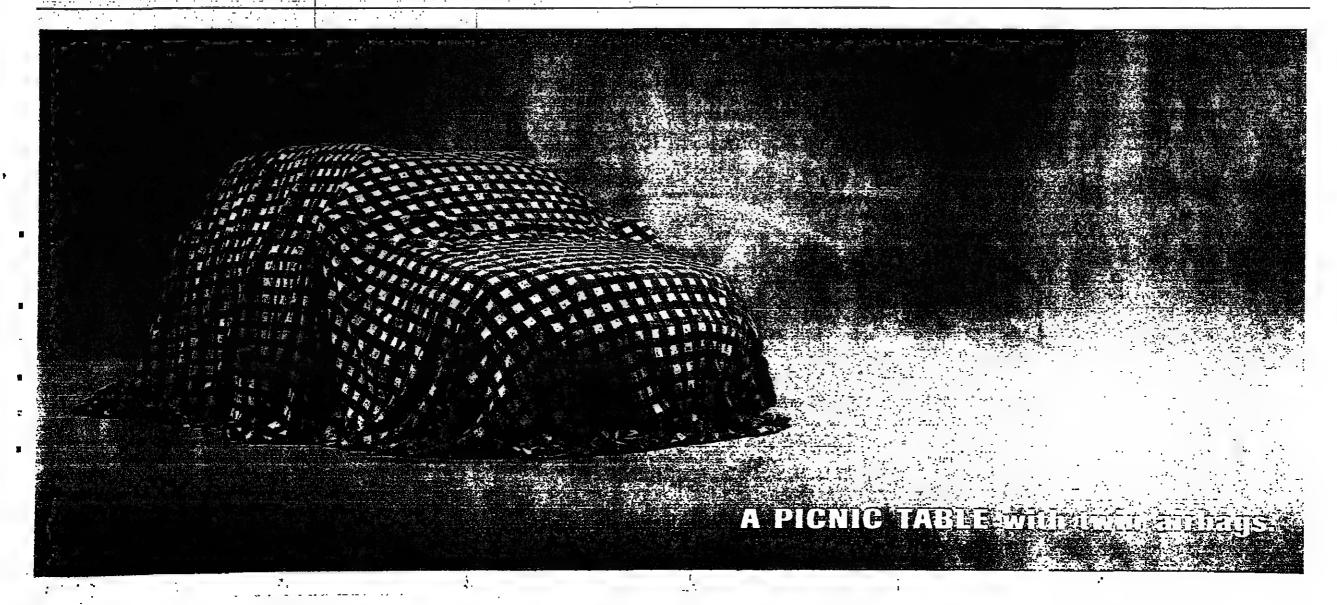
period. The success of postwar new towns in Britain in creating new homes - half a million in 50 years - has to be measured against the huge number of terraced houses unnecessarily demolished in the name of slum clearance, many of which simply needed modern

plumbing and heating.

Lord Hinchinbroke, opposing the New Towns Bill in Parliament in 1946, said: "It is a state experiment in the life and happiness of our people and in my opinion, like all state experiments, it will work havoc, bitterness and grave social damage."

The resurgence of new town proposais at Micheldever and in the Cotswolds, recalls the 1980s when nine of formed a consortium to build ten new towns of 5,000-10,000 houses in open country in the South East. Massive public opposition led to the rejection of all but one of these schemes.

At the same time, however, the Conservative Secretary of State, Nicholas Ridley, cowed local authorities into giving planning permission for the construction of big housing estates on the edge of virtually every substantial country town in England. Owing to the depression of the early 1990s, many of these have remained dormant. Until their position is resolved, there is no need for further new permissions on



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Priest attacks false piety of church school applicants

A PRIEST has accused parents of pretending to be devout Christians and turning up to Mass at his church to secure places for their children at a successful Roman Catholic primary school.

Father Ben O'Rourke, a priest in Harborne, Birmingham, said that parents were making a synthetic show of devoumess to impress gover-nors of St Mary's Primary School. Writing in his weekly newsletter, Father O'Rourke told parishioners: "Each year some parents become very committed to St Mary's for the few months before their child is due to start at school. Other parents lie about their com-

Regulars at St Mary's become suspicious when the congregation grows shortly before the start of each school year. The upsurge in piety has been prompted by the success of the parish school, which has climbed to number 23 in the local educational league

The seeds of new-found faith, which sprout so encouragingly before the deadline for enrolment, tend to wilt once children are accepted. Interviewing prospective parents began five years ago when

early retirement leapt by 90

per cent while ill health depar-

David Hart, general secre-

tary of the association, called

at the opening of the annual

conference in Scarborough

yesterday for an across-the-

board rise in the primary head

teacher's average salary of

heads' £44,000. "These sala-

ries are not adequate for the

responsibilities carried by

heads and deputies," he said.

which would be carned by

people in posts of similar

because people are not coming

forward to be recruited."

They are well below the levels

tures were up 20.4 per cent.

Heads want more cash for best who take over the worst

By DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

HEAD teachers urged the and deputies leaving early. Government yesterday to help For head teachers, the rate of the worst schools by offering the highest salaries.

Struggling schools were finding it harder to recruit heads in a climate where experienced staff were leaving the profession in droves, the National Association of Head Teachers said. A survey for the association yesterday dis-closed that the number of heads and deputies leaving the profession through ill health or premature retirement had risen by 62 per cent

since last year. in some local authorities. including Hereford and Worcester, Oldham, Wigan and Trafford, the exodus was at more than double last year's rate. In Stockton-on-Tees there was a rise from three to 16 and. in Caerphilly a leap from two to 19. It was fuelled by pension rule changes which left head teachers in their fifties a choice of leaving this summer or

The survey of 64 local

mitment to the practice of their the 210-pupil school as "excel-ient" led to a flood of applications. Ninety families are competing for the 30 places avail-

> four-year-olds in September. Ploys employed by would-be parents include giving false home addresses to convince the selection panel that they live close enough to the school for their children to be considered. Some parents have stooped to providing false references from other churches to establish their devotional

The headmistress and gov-ernors of St Mary's have taken to vetting parents in lengthy interviews to separate the vheat from the chaff. One Harborne parent, Simon Baylis, who has sent all of his four children to St Mary's since he moved to Birmingham eight years ago, said that his former church in Bristol had been contacted as

part of the vetting procedure. Father O'Rourke said that interviewing every family was the only way of being sure of getting the right children at the school: "We are very sorry if, at the interviews, we may have seemed to ask impertinent questions," he said.

Lying about your faith is deceptive and I am angry that places which could be going to children from families with a genuine sense of faith are being wasted. It is also not ideal for the children themselves. If they are accepted, they are going to be placed in a Catholic school where they are going to be taught about our faith and values. It will be confusing for the child if these values are not then reinforced

"In the interviews we want

such deception by parents was

common practice throughout

responsibility elsewhere."

He added: "A mechanism find out whether parents has also got to be found to know the priest or many attract the very best heads into members of the congregation. the more deprived schools, to It can be a bit of an ordeal." rescue those schools in diffi-The recent difficulties at \$t culty. All over the country we Mary's come as no surprise to have acting heads, not for one the Roman Catholic Schools term but for three or four, Commission, which said that

He urged David Blunkett. the Education Secretary, to authorities found 1,200 heads put pressure on the Treasury.



BY CAROL MIDGLEY

HE DOES not look like a man with £12.3 million. The sheer size of his new fortune seemed to be only just sinking in yesterday for David Asheroft as he sat on a public bench after a reception to mark the third-largest win on the National Lottery.

Mr Ashcroft, 30, is a cabinet maker in Liverpool. A bachelor, he lives with his parents, has never had a long-term girlfriend and has never been abroad. He said: "I'm an ordinary, quiet, very introvert, family man. This may change that, but I hope not."
One of the immediate bene

ficiaries of his new-found wealth may be the Prince of Wales Trust, which gave him

MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

MANY Alzheimer's sufferers are man-

handled, over-drugged and force-fed in

residential care homes, according to a

report published today. The survey found

that overworked, under-trained staff were

often left to cope with residents suffering

from severe dementia but relatives tended

to be too frightened to complain about

Typical of many responding to the survey by the Alzheimer's Disease Society

was a woman in Hampshire. "I asked staff many times to help him," she wrote.

"The men were only shaved about every three or four days, with the same razor. I

visited my husband almost daily to wash

poor treatment.

Portrait of a man who has won £12m

Scheme. Antique dealers could also be hoping for a windfall. Mr Ashroft said his ambition now was to meet John Blythe, of BBC I's Antiques Roadshow, for advice on how to restore items in his small business.

He was on his own at his

phoned my sister Janet, and I got about two hours' sleep. I put the ticket in my wallet and then put the wallet under my

He is now the biggest solo winner since Terry Benson, from Humberside, scooped just over £20 million in 1995, and a factory worker, Mukhtar Mohidin, won £17.8 million in 1994. "I think

there will be financial security for me and the family now, and I can work because I want to and not because I have to. Who knows what the future is going to bring? If Miss Right is out there things might possibly change, but I have no plans." First, he intends to buy a

van and new equipment for his business, and take a twoweek break with his family, which includes two sisters and a brother.

A neighbour, Doreen Jones. vho lives opposite the family in Mossley Hill, Liverpool, said: "He is a lovely bloke, very quiet, and he works very hard. He is a real craftsman. We are all shocked round here, but it couldn't have happened to anyone nicer."

Day care regulation 'fails to protect children'

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN FOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

UNTRAINED and poorly regulated childminders are leaving children unsupervised in side houses, according to a report published yesterday by the National Children's

The study, based on details of 30 disputes between local authorities and childcare providers, found that regulation of day care services was not reliably protecting children from incompetent or inade-

quate carers.
Peter Elfer, senior development officer in the Early Childhood Unit at the bureau and co-author of the report, said that while most services met basic standards set by the Department of Health, almost all the local authorities studied included a small number of carers where services fell seriously below acceptable

"In a number of cases carers have continued to offer a substandard service. This includes instances of children being left alone in cars or outside houses, inappropriate behaviour such as adults rubbing food into children's hair and providers taking on more children or younger children than registration permits," Mr

While standards of day care had improved significantly since the advent of the Children Act 1989, he said, an integrated regulatory framework was needed. In a number of cases where local authorities have taken legal action to maintain standards, the courts have given latitude to carers to continue a service shown to be inadequate.

Colette Kelleher, director of the Daycare Trust, the national childcare charity, welcomed the report and said the current system of regulation was incoherent and incon-

The Daycare Trust is calling for a single regulatory system for all childcare and preschool services and for the regulation of all day care for children up to the age of fourteen.

a £1.000 bursary to buy the tools of his trade when he was London yesterday, he said: "I put the text on the television and sat there for half-an-hour 17, after a Youth Training in disbelief looking at the ticket and looking at the text. I

terraced home when he watched Saturday's rollover jackpot draw on television. because his family were away on a caravan holiday. In

Alzheimer victims 'neglected in care' him. Many times I found him with urinesoaked trousers. He was locked in a chair for hours. I was scared to say too much in case they took it out on him."

The society says most who responded to the survey in January were happy with the care their relative received. But one in ten described examples of mistreatment and neglect - a level that was "of grave

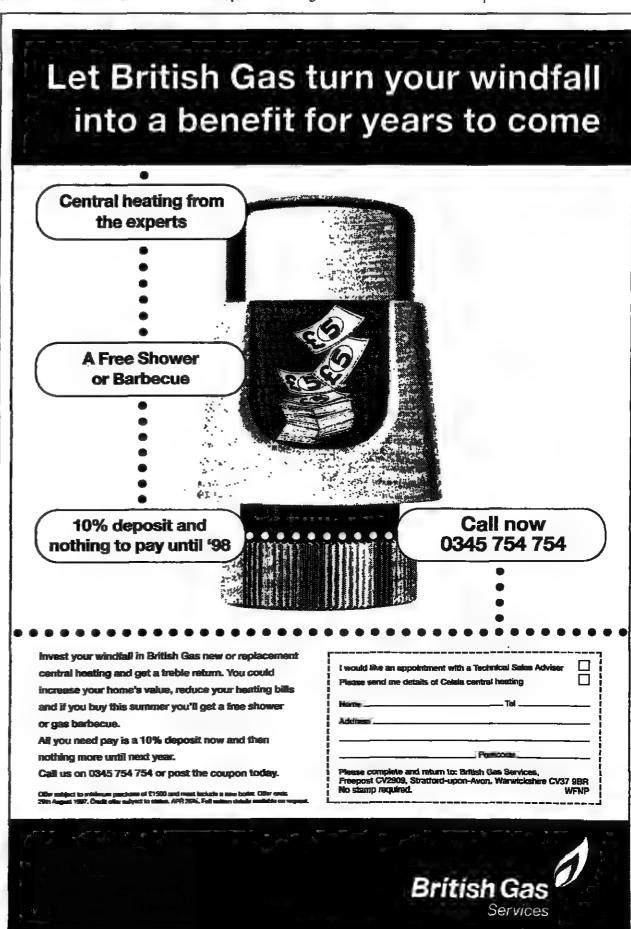
Even if treatment was generally good. more than half the respondents complained that their relatives were given drugs to control their behaviour without consultation. "The first home my father was in could not cope with dementia and drugged him to encourage him to sit in a chair with his chin on his chest all day." a Berkshire woman wrote. Lack of stimula-Letters, page 21 and redress him, feed him and shave tion was another common complaint. nursing home.

staffed there was little time to converse and sit individually with residents, who spend much of their time just sleeping or looking aimlessly at TV," another wrote.

The 1,500 people responding to the survey reported on private, local authority and charity homes but the society found the results were generally similar The lowest level of satisfaction overall, however, was for respite care provided in private residential homes.

The society says the survey underlines the need for a single registration system for residential and nursing homes. That is because the effects of dementia are progressive and patients admitted to residential homes can detriorate to the point where they ought to be moved to a





Hard-faced men of glitzy elite do well out of Balkan wars



Slobodan Milosevic sumptuous homes

MARKO, Slobodan Milosevic's fast-living son, has opened Serbia's most high-tech discothèque, confirming the family's vast wealth and highlighting the increasing disparity between the former Yugoslavia's political elite and their struggling populations.

The opening night of the Madonna nightelub in the Milosevics' depressed home town of Pozarevac, 40 miles south of Belgrade, was a tasteless tribute to the underworld that controls Serbia today. Outside smoked-glass Audis and BMWs mingled with police vans, while gangsters' molls paraded beneath laser lights and television screens in an interior modelled on a Spanish hacienda.

Five years of war have left Balkan leaders and their families hugely rich and the rest of the "foot soldier" populations desperately poor, reports Tom Walker from Belgrade

Journalists from Belgrade's independent media were ejected and the only television coverage allowed was by TV Pink, the communist channel controlled by the President's wife, Mirijana Markovic. According to witnesses. Marko, 23, sporting a new "Gazza" blond hairstyle, spent much of the evening in a backstage den complete with zebra-pattern sofas.

Yesterday's edition of the Belgrade independent Duevni Telegraf chose this moment to remind its readers how five years of war have only enhanced the fortunes of the leading figures of the war and increased the miseries of the foot soldiers. The Milosevics, it said. used to live in a two-room flat and drive a second-hand Zastava; in these days of austerity, however, and villa in Greece as well as much property in Pozarevac.

Marko's antics as the calamitous lead driver of the spendthrift Tref motor racing team are notorious, and his elder sister, Marija, owns a radio station. But the Milosevics' freewheeling lifestyle pales into insignificance when compared to the wealth accrued by Croatia's Tudiman family, President Tudiman was acclaimed recently by an Austrian newspaper as the "richest man in Central Europe".

The Tudjmans, notes Telegraf, had a good war. While the President was able to buy his villa on the hillsides overlooking

Stjepan, supplied the Croatian Army with food and clothing. His daughter, Nevanka, meanwhile. earned her epithet of 'Madame Mercedes", taking over the Nema department store and all duty-free shops at Croatia's airports and border crossings.

The President's grandson. Deian Kosutic, who began his career as owner of a shooting range, has since taken over Kaptol Bank, with a founding capital of DM5 million.

Turkish newspapers have uncovered big property investments in the lzetbegovic name in Istanbul and Bursa. "Give me those

they live in a villa amid 16 acres of central Belgrade and own a yacht

Zagreb for the knockdown price of \$3 million, it is my money." President Belgrade and own a yacht

DM 200,000 (£72,000), his son, dent izesbegovic's wife. Halila, is alleged to have said once to a fundraiser. However, none of the rumours has been substantiated by the local press, which is notorious for its backbiting.

As for the rest of former Yugoslavia's Presidents. Gligorov of Macedonia and Kucan of Slovenia, the Telegraf has kinder words, label-ling them as "rather modest". But "Slobodan, Franjo (Tudjman) and Alija (izetbegovic) became rich while their fellow-countrymen suffered and got killed in the war," the Telegraf said, concluding with a Chinese proverb: "It is a shame to be rich and fat in a country of the

Stalin. Andropov as KGB chief had a role in the Brezh-

nev succession struggle and briefly became Soviet leader

himself. In Romania, Virgil

Magureanu, a recently retired spy chief, belped to lever

Nicolae Ceausescu out of his

The spymaster accumulates

power in a police state -Fouche and Himmler show

that this is not a uniquely

But communist espionage

bosses did share habits - they

were almost all passionate

hunters of game, though Wolf

ciaims he gave up field sports

after marrying Andrea — and citizens, spied on and harassed, often attributed to

them a high degree of

Andropov was said to be a

jazz fan who wrote poetry:

General Czesiaw Kiszczak,

Polish Interior Minister dur-

ing martial law, sought out

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Wolf the spymaster escapes jail over Cold War kidnaps

FROM DEBORAH COLLCUTT IN FRANKFURT

THE "man without a face" -the former East German spymaster, Markus Wolf has been convicted by a German court of three kidnappings during the Cold War given a two-year sus-

pended prison sentence. The 74-year-old former journalist and East German folk hero yesterday stood impassively as the verdict was read out in the same high-security Düsseldorf court room where he was convicted of treason and espionage in 1993.

Then state prosecutors were denied their chance to imprison Wolf after the Constitution-Court cleared him on appeal in 1995 on the ground that, as an East German citizen, he could not have betrayed West Germany - then a foreign country.

Undeterred, and sourced on by what Wolf told the court last week was "pure revenge". West German authorities charged him with kidnapping and assault, having unearthed three cases from the early Cold

Yesterday the man who ran a network of about 4.000 foreign agents for nearly 30 years from his East Berlin headouarters was found guilty on four counts of kidnapping, two of coercion and two of causing injury, ending a spate of high-profile communist trials since the fall of the Berlin Wall.

I suppose I should be able to live with this," Wolf, whose

memoirs have been serialised by Stern, the magazine, ahead general publication next month, told a news conference after the High Court verdict and sentencing.

He was convicted of organising the kidnapping of a Ministry for State Security (Stasi) official who had fled to West Germany, and the Berlin abduction of a Nato secretary whom his staff tried to persuade to spy for the Communists. He was implicated, too, in the arrest of an East German whom the Stasi wanted to involve in a plot to expose the former West German Chancellor, Willy Brandt, as a Nazi collaborator.

West German prosecutors demanded a three-and-a-halfyear jail term in their summing up last week. Wolf had



Brandt resigned over

retaliated in a rare emotional outburst, accusing them of aimed at making him a scapegoat for all the other former Communist bloc leaders.

"This was a political trial." he said yesterday. "Every agent in both the East and West could be prosecuted for kidnapping." But Ina Obst-Oellers, the senior judge, told the court in her two-hour summing-up that Wolf was a criminal, not political, target. "I want to set the record firmly straight that he was not convicted because he was a Stasi symbol," she said. "He was ccused of concrete crimes."

The once clusive figure. dubbed "the man without a face" because Western agents failed for nearly 20 years to photograph him. Wolf is now constantly in the public eye. Shattering the myth of the spy known only as Mischa — on whom the author John le Carrè based his sinister character, Karla - he has appeared on endless television chat-shows and written a Russian cookery book.

A charming and manipula-tive man. Wolf achieved the ultimate coup by planting mole as Brandt's personal adviser, leading to the Chan-cellor's resignation in 1974. He also perfected the art of Romeo-spying - using agents to seduce lonely female members of staff in key West German



Markus Wolf leaves a Düsseldorf court yesterday after being given a suspended jail sentence for "concrete crimes" when he ran East Germany's spy network.

Poland's

castles lure

Fine sense of timing yields riches for artist of deception

FROM ROGER BOYES IN HAMBURG

SPYMASTERS survive be key part in the last days of cause they have eyes in the back of their heads, ears that bend round corners and tongues that fork. They are, in: short, political freaks.

The sentencing yesterday of Markus Wolf demonstrated another quality: immaculate timing. Somehow "the man without a face" managed to twin the final verdict on his Cold War activities with the publication of his memoirs in Germany and abroad. Bad publicity is good publicity for a 74-year-old espionage boss

hawking his story. The money — around E70,000 alone from Stern magazine for serialisation rights — will help with the lawyers and probably buy him a new house outside Berlin to be shared with his: third wife, Andrea. There is talk of a Hollywood film, and the ex-Stasi general should end up with more cash than ifhe had taken up a CIA offer to live as an anonymous "consulant" in California.

This is the modern, cynical way: to pick up the cheques on the way out of the courtroom. Yet Wolf, despite his obvious opportunism, is not really of our age. The Cold War kidnapping cases brought seemed hopelessly out of data our they form sympre impor tant part of his personal history than the chargot round of television talkshows. There is blood on Wolfs hands: Wolf belongs to an era when

date great conversationalists. This is the reason for the Join le Carre, whose fictional spice have ardstic souls, re-created Wolf in his "Karla" paradox in Wolf's brutality

spy and police ministers were and his image as a man of pivotal to change in the comletters. It was the very essence of his authority. Files show how Perón sold

Big investors wary of Germany

FOREIGN investment in Germany sunk to a record low last year, according to figures released by the Economics Ministry. International companies and investors contributed a mere £420 million to the country's total foreign income compared with nearly £7 billion the previous year.

Meanwhile, Germany is increasing its investment abroad with Britain emerging as the second favourite country after America. Last year nearly £15 billion flowed out was invested in Britain.

into plants, branches and offices abroad and ELS billion One reason for the lack of

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foreign income is the high cost of setting up a business and employing staff in Germany where non-wage contributions such as health, pensions and unemployment insurances discourage investors.

Since 1995 foreign firms have been reluctant to come to Germany." said Holgar Schmieding, a Merrill Lynch economist. "It was devastating; we had a double-whammy - an overvalued mark and excess wage rises. Although the situation has improved a little. Germany has earned a bad reputation."

In real terms, pay rises in 1995 amounted in some sectors to increases of nearly 10 per cent, which led financial experts to advise against invest-ing in Germany. Many went elsewhere in Europe — for example. Britain, which is popular for its low wage costs and flexible working practices. or America or Asia." said Herr Schmieding. Also significant is a top tax band of 53 per cent.

A recent National Chamber of Commerce and Industry survey revealed that, out of about 7,200 German companies questioned, 28 per cent planned to move their production base out of the country over the next three years.

Siemens. Germany's second largest employer, has announced it is removing 70 per cent of its business, with the loss of thousands of domestic jobs. The electronics and electrical engineering giant, with a workforce of 379,000, will soon have more staff abroad than at home.

Günther Rexrodt, the Economics Minister, tried to put a brave face on the underlying trend of falling investment. saying: "It merely shows that German companies are globalising and are aware of making themselves competitive on the world market. The economic situation is improving and we are confi-

dant of a rise in foreign

investment this year."

Jackson From Patricia Koza IN WARSAW

MICHAEL JACKSON, the singer, yesterday made a visit to Warsaw to meet officials about investing in an entertainment park.

He took a helicopter tour
of the Polish capital to survey

possible sites and then made whirlwind visit of three historic castles and palaces and a former royal park. This will be something magnificent ... which may

become a great European attraction," Marcin Swiecickl, the Mayor, said in greeting Jackson at the air port. Reports that Jackson was trying to buy a castle in southwestern Poland were not confirmed, but a Warsaw-based spokeswoman for the singer said: "He's really strongly interested in this part of Central Europe."

passports to fleeing Nazis

FROM GABRIELLA GAMINI, SOUTH AMERICA CORRESPONDENT

ARGENTINA, long known as a favoured haven for Nazi war criminals, has decided to in-: vestigate its controversial postwar history and is reconstructing details of how hundreds of Nazis bought 'passports to freedom" to enjoy their twilight years along the River Plate

An independent commission, made up of academics and representatives of Argentina's 300,000-strong Jewish community, was set up last week to analyse piles of declassified government files which document the country's "Nazifriendly" stand after the Second World War.

"Doors were opened to fleeing Nazis. They were given false passports and protected by the Argentine Foreign Ministry," said Beatriz Gurevich, a member of the investigating team. "Hundreds of Nazis

bought their passports to free dom from Argentine embassies and came live to live bere unperturbed."

Some of the 20000 docur ments analysed so far reveal that between 1945 and 1955 the Government of General Juan Domingo Peron welcomed notorious Nazis and sought out those with medical and engineering expertise. At least 2,000 passports were sold to suspected Nazis. Peron instructed his emi-

bassies to encourage immigra-tion of skilled Nazis and was interested in acquiring medical, engineering and military expertise." said Señora Gurevich He also appointed close friend and businessm of German origin, Rodolfo Freude, to travel to Europe and arrange the Nazi "escape routes". Freude appears to have spent much time speed-

ing up visa applications at zerland, France and Italy.

searching for written proof that German submarines came to the coast of Patagonia. as a means for Nazis to transport stolen Jewish gold. We suspect that some documents were destroyed by Peron's men when he was outsted from power," said

Señora Gurevich President Menem is personally backing Argentina's effort to "make up" to the world's Jewish community, even though this has upset several

Peronist Party. "President Menem is the first to come out against the populist figure of General Peron," said Ruben Beraja, vice-president of the International Jewish Council.

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Red Sea summit gives impetus to search for peace

THREE hours of crisis talks salem. President Mubarak between Israeli and Egyptian leaders yesterday secured what both sides called "a positive beginning to bring-ing Israel and the Palestinians back to the negotiating table.

The meeting between President Mubarak of Egypt and Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, in a houry Red Sea villa came days after Israeli intelligence chiefs warned the Israeli Government that it risked a regional war with Arab "regional war" with Arab neighbours if the deadlock in the 1993 peace process was not resolved. In a report sent to Mr Netanyahu, Shin Bet, Israel's equivalent of MIS, said that, if new Israeli-Pales tinian violence erupted and Israel's forces recaptured Palestinian territory as threatened under an operation codenamed Field of Thorns, "the Arab countries will have no other option but to get into

a war with us". Yesterday, in contrast to recent tension between Jerusalem and Cairo, President Muharak and Mr Netanyahu avoided recriminations. Instead, they agreed to launch a new round of shuttle diplomacy between Israel and the Palestinian Authority by a high-ranking Egyptian special envoy, Osama el-Baz

However, some Egyptian journalists suggested that the summit had been a failure because it had not immediately reinitiated the peace talks between Israel and the Palestinian Authority, suspended since work started on the Har

said continued efforts would be made to arrange a three-way summit involving Egypt, Israel and the Palestinian

leader, Yassir Arafat. . Mr Mubarak said he had failed to persuade Mr Arafat to attend yesterday's meeting, staged on part of the Sinai coast returned to Egypt by Israel under the 1979 peace treaty. As armed Egyptian agents kept back crowds of

Claims surfaced at the summit that Israel was. sending chewing gum laced with aphrodisiaes to the Palestinian Authority (Christopher Walker writes). Saleh Abdulai, a director at the Palestinian Ministry of Supplies, said tests on gum smuggled into the West Bank and Gaza showed it contained an adrenaline-like substance. (Reuter)

holidaymakers from a nearby hotel, the Israeli and Egyptian delegations signalled that diplomacy was still needed to bridge the gap over the expansion of Jewish settlements. Palestinians say settlement building must stop if peace talks are to be resumed.

The bonhomie of the two leaders yesterday contrasted with the anger of Egyptian journalists from Cairo, who shouted at one senior Israeli official: "If you are not pretinian Authority, suspended pared to stop building at Har on the Rive since work started on the Har Homa, why are you contingils were Homa settlement in east Jeru-uing to waste our time and attack (AP)

that of our President by com-

Israeli officials on the air force jet carrying the Prime Minister went out of their way to praise the new "honest broker" role now being played by Egypt, which only days ago had been accused by Mr Netanyahu of encouraging the Palestinian hard line.

"Something is cooking. There will be developments in coming days and weeks and we really think they will reach a positive conclusion," one Israeli official said.

Mr Netanyahu refused to reveal what, if any, sweeteners he had offered the Palestinians to resume the negotiations. However, he pointedly refused at a lively news conference to repeat his bullish pledges about settlement expansion and continued building at Har Nabil Osman, senior Egyptian spokesman, said: "Mr.

Netanyahu has at last become aware of the damage that can result to all sides from a prolonged stalemate. We are now at the beginning of a new process. But Egypt cannot deliver anybody, especially the Palestinians, on a platter." Amman: A Jordanian army corporal yesterday pleaded not guilty to charges of murdering seven Israeli school-

girls in March. Ahmed Dagamseh, 26, entered the plea on the first day of his trial on charges of opening fire on Israeli schoolgiris on an outing to the island of Naharayim on the River Jordan. Six other girls were injured in the



Iran's President-elect, Muhammad Khatami, at his first news conference yesterday after being swept to victory in last week's poll

US expresses cautious optimism over Iran's new moderate leader

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

AMERICA and Iran warily watched each other's moves yesterday, each insisting that a new relationship was possible if the other took the initiative. Iran's President-elect Muhammad Khatami insisted that Washington and not Iran held the key to ending the enmity between the two. The Clinton Administration denied any long-term animosity and said the United States would make direct overtures to the Tehran regime if there were active

Washington wants signs of change in four specific areas: Iran's support for terrorism, weapons proliferation. Iranian sponsorship of violent opposi-tion to the Middle East peace process. and human rights.

"The election is obviously an Important and very interesting development and we recognise this as a significant moment in Iran," one American official said. "We are encouraged by what Mr Khatami has said, but we want to give him time to get his house

Envoys in Tehran said there were erounds for cautious optimism that Mr Khatami, dubbed "Ayatollah Gorbachev" by the diplomatic corps. would gradually steer his country to a more moderate path, which could persuade Washington to reduce its hostility. By delivering on pledges of greater personal freedom, Mr Khatami could project a gentler image of Iran abroad. But any shift in Iran's foreign policy would be far more tentative and gradual, they said.

"He needs to be much more firmly ensconced because the hardliners are watching closely for anything that smacks of compromise," a European envoy said in Tehran. "But if, as expected, he appoints a woman Cabinet minister and improves human rights, it could start a virtuous circle.

You aiready have many American think-tanks saying the tough line on Iran is getting nowhere. The problem is persuading Congress."

Tehran rejects the charges that it

sponsors terrorism and is trying to develop nuclear weapons, but sees no reason to deny that it opposes the Middle East peace process - referred to by the Iranian media as "the compromise process". Iranian ana-lysts believe Mr Khatami will work in tandem with the like-minded outgoing President Rafsanjani, who will retain great influence as head of a newly expanded Expediency Council.

However, Mr Khatami has been at pains to demonstrate he has no intention of challenging the basis of the Islamic revolution. One of his first moves was to pray at the late Ayatollah Khomeini's gold-domed mausoleum at Behest-e Zahra, south of Tehran. It stands alongside a sprawling cemetery that accommo-dates tens of thousands of "martyrs" who fell in the eight-year war with Iraq — an enemy many iranians believe was aided by Washington.

"Our relations with the United States will depend on observing changes in their attitude towards us. but unfortunately we have not seen anything," Mr Khatami said at his first news conference yesterday after defeating the hardline parliamentary Speaker, Ali Akbar Nateq-Nouri, in last Friday's elections.

Many European diplomats believe Washington will have to make the first gesture of goodwill. Iranian hardliners were quick to capitalise on attempts by President Rafsanjani, to woo the West.

The Iranian leader won little in return for helping to free the Western hostages in Lebanon or for keeping Iran neutral in the Gulf War that liberated Kuwait. Iranian diplomats say he hoped the United States would release Iranian assets frozen in the US at the time of the 1979 American hostage crisis. Iran claims they amounted to about \$12 billion (£7.5 billion), although America says the figure is closer to \$1 billion. The case has dragged on at a tribunal in The

Britain voices misgivings on rights under Arafat



Fatchett: human rights have to be safeguarded.

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FROM DINA SHILDH IN JERUBALEM

BRITAIN emphasised yesterday the need for the Palestinian Authority to be more democratic if it was to ensure continuation of the European Union's financial assistance. Office Minister now touring Palestinian entity, and those issues will be discussed with

the Middle East, spoke in Jerusalem about the need to ensure that human rights are safeguarded in the Palestinian Authority's territory. Referring to the imprison-ment last week of Daoud

tive Council, Mr Fatchett said:

President Arafat." Mr Fatchett was meeting Kuntab, the Palestinian television station director who was broadcasting the proceed-ings of the Palestinian Legisla-

"There will be no a la carte approach to human rights. There will be no situation in which we drop our concern about human rights. I understand the concern about hu-

Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian leader, in Gaza last night. The minister also called for financial accountability in the authority. Almost two fifths of its budget, £202 million, was wasted or misused last year, according to a report issued by the authority's audit office.

Polish vote faces court challenge

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Warsaw: Official figures re-leased yesterday show that Poles approved by 52 per cent ic constitution to carry the country into the 21st century, but Solidarity-based Roman Catholic and right-wing groups said they will challenge the vote in court (Patricia

Koza writes) Less than 42 per cent of the 28.3 million eligible voters turned out, prompting protests that Sunday's referendum was invalid. The largest opposition group, Solidarity Election Action, had called for

China protest as fishermen held

Manila: The Chinese Embassy has protested to the Philippine Government over the detention of 21 Chinese fishermen in a disputed area of the South China Sea (Abby Tan writes). The fishermen are being held in Subic, north of Manila. The disputed area, Scarborough Shoal, is 130 miles west of Subic.

Army purged

Ankara: Necmettin Erbakan, Turkey's Islamic Prime Min-ister, dismissed 161 army officers. He had been forced into the move by secular army chiefs suspicious of funda-mentalist infiltration. (AFP)

India challenge

Delhi: Former minister Rajesh Pilot is challenging Sitaram Kesri as leader of the Congress party. It will be the first leadership contest within the scandal-tainted party since 1977. (AFP)

Moscow attack

Moscow: Lyubov Kezina, 50, a top education official in the Russian capital, was wounded in an assassination attempt that police believe could be linked to her examination reforms. (Reuter)

Rangoon ban

Rangoon: Riot police blocked roads leading to the homes of Aung San Suu Kyi, the prodemocracy leader, and her deputies to stop supporters commemorating their 1990 election victory. (AP)

Profit of doom

Seoul: A building worker depressed by bribe-taking politicians dumped the equiva-lent of thousands of dollars outside city hall, causing a traffic jam as people scrambled for the notes. (Reuter)

Lolita of butterfly world flutters in

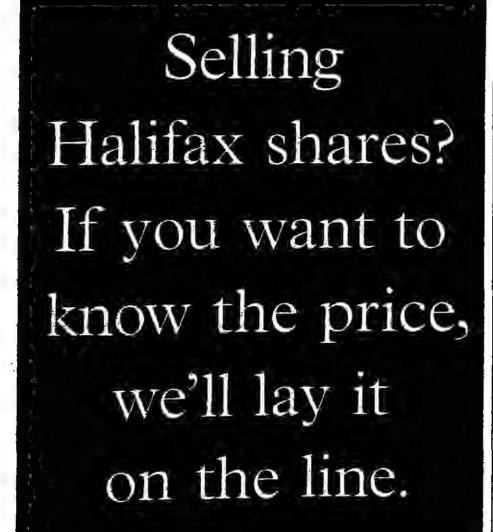
FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

A LATIN American butterfly has been named after Lolina by lepidopterists who admire the work of Vladimir Nabokov. The Madeleinia lolita is a pert little flutterer — rather like the Russian author's celebrated creation — and belongs to a group of small blue butterflies known as Polyommatini. Kurt Johnson, a lepidopterist with the

and Zsolt Bálint, a researcher at the Hungarian Museum of Natural History in Budapest, commemorated Nabokov because of his "substantial contribution to the world of butterfly studies". The Russian held a part-time position at Harvard's Museum of Comparative Zoology where he dedicated long hours to the study of "Latin American blues", produc-

Dr Johnson and Dr Balint, who recently discovered three species of Latin American blues, called one after Lolita and named another Pseudolucia humbert after Humbert Humbert, the nymphet's middle-aged pursuer.

Nabokov used lepidopterists' images in his books. Many Lolita names echo those of butterflies and the town's name.



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cy last night.
The White House, which

had no initial comment on the

court's opinion, has always

maintained that the Constitu-

tion protects sitting Presidents from having to answer civil

But the first ruling of its kind yesterday means that Mr

Clinton, already enmeshed in

the dual controversies of

Whitewater and irregular

fundraising for his re-election

campaign, could become the

first President to defend him-

Mr Clinton appeared tem-

porarily to have conquered the

demons from his past and has

been riding high in opinion

At best, the judgment is likely to trivialise his presiden-

cy. But at worst it may have a

sharp effect on his ability to

formulate any meaningful

The unanimity of the jus-

tices will make it impossible to

argue the influence of conser-

result of the Paula Jones case

could encourage a more con-

frontational approach to the

presidency from Republican

It could further embolden

Kenneth Starr, the indepedent

Whitewater prosecutor, and is

likely to erode Mr Clinton's

support among women. Femi-

nist groups, who have re-

mained largely silent about the affair, may now find a

On a practical public rela-

tions level, the decision brings

to an end any attempt by the

Clinton camp to retain what

has been described as the "big-

hair defence", namely that the

working-class origins of the

evangelist's daughter from

Lonoke, Arkansas, means that

she could never win a case

against the President of the

James Carville, a former

adviser, often joked that, if you

"drag \$100 bills through trail-

what you'll find". Bob Bennett,

opponents in Congress.

polls in recent months.

self against such an action.



Kabila: had shown his

Mandela supports curbs in Congo

IN DEFIANCE of Western expectations. President Mandela demonstrated his support for the new regime in Kinshaby backing Laurent Kabila's widely crinicised decision to ban all party political activity in the renamed Democrutic Republic of Congo.

Mr Mandela said it would be "suicidal" to permit political activity until such time as the new Government got a firm grip on law and order.

The South African leader. speaking after talks in Cape Town with President Museveni of Uganda, said that Mr. Kabila, the Congo Republic's self-declared head, had shown commitment to democracy in areas under his control. Mr. Mandela accused Western overnments of demonising

You must judge what President Kabila is doing against the specific conditions that exist there." Mr Mandela said. noting that 250 political parties exist in a country the size of Western Europe. "It would be suicidal for him to allow the operation of parties before he has a firm grip on the govern-ment of the country. I think that we can trust him, on the basis of his record, to keep his

Opposition politicians in Kinshasa have said they will defy Mr Kabila with a march in the capital today, a day before he is officially sworn in as the new president, and that they will follow this up with protests next week.

Ruling on sexual harassment case hampers Clinton THE Supreme Court decision to allow Paula Jones to pursue

After riding high in the polls, the President may be saddled with the need to defend himself in a civil action, reports Tom Rhodes in Washington

decision.

Mr Clinton's lawyer, who once said he could win the case in 20 minutes, had previously dismissed the action as "tabloid trash with a legal caption

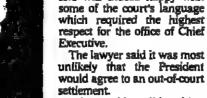
Ms Jones's efforts to win a hearing had been dogged by trouble, from a brother-in-law who went on television to express doubts about her to old nude photographs pub-lished by Penthouse.

Her appearance on rightwing television, and at a conservative political action conference, had fuelled suspicions that her case was politically motivated.

In recent months, however, her claims have gained cre-dence among the mainstream press in America and more attention has been paid to the fact that her description of the incident to four people, almost immediately after it is said to have happened, tallied with the basis of her allegations.

The important claim to emerge later was that Mr Clinton's genitals had certain distinguishing characteristics", prompting widespread speculation as to how that assertion could be disproved by the President. A federal judge in Arkansas

gained some credence



The President did nothing wrong," Mr Bennett said, " think that, when all is said and done, the embarrassment will a qualified apology for the skinned Aboriginal dulidren loving family life are demand

before they were elected and

appeals courts upheld the

decisions while they were in

President Kennedy was

sued before he became Presi-

dent over a car accident dur-

ing his 1960 campaign. The action was settled while he

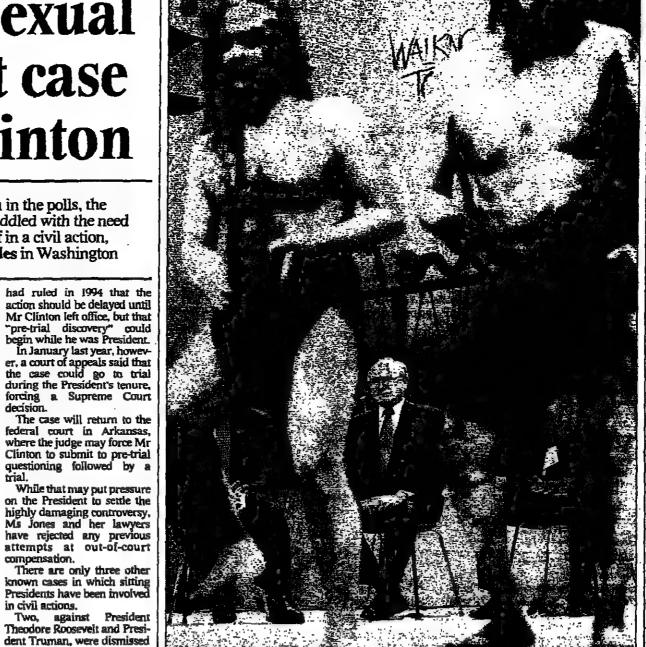
Mr Bennett, attempting an

exercise in damage limitation

last night, said that he was not

worried by the court ruling,

and was indeed happy with



John Howard, the Prime Minister, at Melbourne's reconciliation convention

pology to 'stolen children'

FROM ROGER MAYNARD

THE Australian Government was under mounting pressure last night to make amends for one of the most sharneful periods in the nation's modern history: the scandal of the stolen children.

it followed the publication of a damning 700-page report into the forced removal of up to 100,000 Aboriginal children from their parents between 1910 and 1970 under a policy of assimilation. John Howard, the Prime Minister, who gave

ernments at a special reconcillation convention in Melbourne, stopped short of affected: Mr Howard-said he felt "deep sorrow" for those who had suffered. But, as many Aborigines in the audience turned their backs on him in protest, he added: "Australians of this generation should not be required to accept guilt or blame for past actions and policies over which they had no control."

Among the revelations in this week's report is one describing how many fairbe on the side of Paula Jones." | misguided actions of past gov- were painted with charcoal by ing reparation-

their parents to discourage the white authorities from selecting them as suitable for assimilation. One child who contributed to the document was Millicent — she was little more than a toddler when she was taken from her parents in remote Western Australia. The next 14 years of her life

vere a nightmare as she was raped, abused and humilated by the people who were en-trusted with her care.

Today many believe that the policy amounted to cultural genocide, and the stolen child-ren who were robbed of a

year but seldom enforced.
With the start of the comconmentalists are giving a warning that overlishing of the coastal waters north of eattle has left some sub

species near extinction.

The fragile 1985 treaty lets American boats pass through Canada's waters on their way to Alaskan fishing grounds. Canadians say they are losing \$45 million (£28 million) a year as US boats exceed their annual quotes by four million fish in coastal waters, from

the seizures, aware of successful tough stands in the past, including the Newfoundland "turbot war" victory against Spanish vessels two years

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Beetle army declares war on hemlocks' poisonous pests

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

A VAST army of Japanese ladybird beetles will be let loose shortly in the New England countryside in an audacious attempt to save the region's hemlock trees from being decimated by poisonous aphids from Asia. The pest, known as the "Hemlock

woolly adelgid", was first blown over to the region by Hurricane Gloria in

1985. Twelve years later, it has naked eye, the plague looks like a the lowest." The treatment costs at last year, munched so greedily on the infested the forests of Connecticut series of white, woolly dots, tracing least \$100 (£62) per tree — a stiff sum, adeigid hordes that hopes for success and New Hampshire, serving a death sentence on the bemlock.

The tree - Tsuga canadensis - is the most common evergreen in New England's woodlands. Now, tens of thousands are dead or dying. The adelgids, likened by locals to miniature vampires, suck the nitrogen from the hemlock's sap, while injecting the tree with a toxic saliva. To the

zigzag patterns on a tree's trunk. The most effective way of killing the insects is by washing the tree with an

insecticidal soap. Yet this is no easy task. Jim Ingram, a local tree-disease expert, said: "If you don't absolutely drench the tree, you're just wasting your money. You've got to get the under-sides of all the branches, including

least \$100 (£62) per tree - a stiff sum. when missing a single adelgid would defeat the whole project.

At their wits end, foresters and entomologists have now enlisted the help of a natural predator. The Japanese ladybird beetle. Pseudocymnus tsugae, feeds on nothing but the adelgid, and is thought to provide the ideal solution.

An experimental batch, released

are high. The battle is set to begin next month.

The New England hemiock, a native American evergreen, should not be confused with the hemlock weed, allegedly ingested by Socrates before he died. The latter is a member of the parsley family.

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US boats

seized in

war over

'poached'

salmon

FOUR American salmon fishing boots have been seized by the Canadian coastguard off British Columbia, raising the stakes in a simmering dispute over the species that provides much of the Pacific Northwest with its lifeblood. With their vessels still im-

pounded, the American crews were due to appear in a Vancouver court yesterday charged with failing to report to Canadian authorities or haul in nets while passing through Canadian waters. The seizures of the boats -

including the Seattle-based Jamet G. Nautilus and Four Daughters - came days after the collapse of US-Canadian talks in Ottawa aimed at salvaging a 1985 treaty that calls for the \$1 billion-a-year industry to be divided equally. No date has been set for their resumption.

Yves Fortier, Canada's delegate at the talks, walked out abruptly last week, accusing his American counterpart of "bad faith" after she claimed to lack the authority to match a Canadian offer to reduce quotas. Lloyd Axworthy, the Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister, said that talks could not resume until America was prepared to negotiate in good

Seizure of American boats over the weekend sent a clear signal that Canada is prepaged to jeopardise its normalamicable relations with Washington over the issue, but by Monday Mr Ax-worthy's tone was conciliatory. Once an assessment and examination (of the ves-sels) is complete, they will be released: he announced. The seizures were legal under regulations brought in last

mercial salmon fishing season less than a week away, envi-

where salmon go inland to spawn in Canadian rivers. Canadians have welcomed

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Yeltsin signs landmark agreement opening way for Nato expansion eastward

Moscow reaps quick reward for trade-off

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor, and Michael Evans, defence correspondent

ON THE day that President Yeltsin signed the new Nato the Group of Seven countries Russia agreement, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development offered Moscow a co-opera-tion pact to help it to liberalise its economy and strengthen ties with the West.

Scized in war over poached

salmon

Ministers from the 29 OECD member states, generally seen as the international club of developed free market economies, signed a deal in Paris with Yevgeni Primakov, the Russian Foreign Minister, in which they promised to help Moscow to establish a "fully fledged market economy within a framework of demoeratic institutions"

The deal underlines the political trade-off between Russia's acceptance of Nato enlargement and Western efforts to speed up Russian membership of international economic organisations.

President Clinton promised earlier this year that, if Moscow signed a Nato-Russia agreement, he would propose. full Russian membership of ing "the Summit of Eight".

Russia is currently also negotiating for membership of the World Trade Organisation, where it has observer status, and has expressed interest in joining the Paris Club of creditor nations — despite being a debtor nation.

A senior Russian source said yesterday that the Nato-Russia accord was likely to open doors elsewhere in the West. Moscow has resented its long wait in the antechambers of Western organisations; It was made a full member of the Strasbourg-based Council of Europe only last year. It is negotiating a new partnership with the European Union to improve economic access and political dialogue.

The source said that much depended on what came after yesterday's Nato accord. "We will see whether we will go in the right direction towards a common security in Europe or



President Yeltsin, watched by President Chirac, passes President Clinton's walking stick to him after the Elysée Palace ceremony yesterday

treated with some kind of alienation."

Moscow has resented the rapid integration of its former East European satellites into Western bodies, while its own

have been more protracted. The OECD, set up 50 years ago, already includes Hungary, the Czech Republic and Poland — the likely first three new Nato members. It has accepted the principle of Rus-

To reassure Moscow that Nato expansion is not an aggressive development, yes-Nato has "no intention, no plan and no reason to deploy nuclear weapons on the terri-

then, Taleban forces have

been pouring in to overwhelm

his troops. Yesterday they tried to disarm some of them:

an explosion was inevitable,

this includes storage facilities. It also underlines that Nato will rely on "adequate" infrastructure for guaranteeing its collective defence responsibilities towards new members. and that does not include

As part of the new deal, there will be a significantly expanded programme of military exercises with Russia to facilitate future joint peacekeeping

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Russians condemn Paris deal

FROM RICHARD BEESTON

PRESIDENT Yeltsin may have been hailed as a hero in Paris when he signed Russia's agreement with Nato yesterday, but he faced a much more hostile reception from his countrymen when he flew nome last night.

Amid condemnations from hardline nationalist and Communist leaders that the Kremlin had "capitulated" to the West, Mr Yeltsin also faced a barrage of criticism as he tried to explain how the deal, opening the way to Nato's eastward expansion, can possibly be of any benefit to

Although the Kremlin has argued that the agreement was the best possible in the circumstances, opposition to Nato enlargement can be heard right across the political spectrum from liberals to

hardliners. Mikhail Gorbachev, the former Soviet leader, said that the West has hetrayed Russia. going back on assurances made in 1990 that the alliance would not expand. Nationalist leaders such as Vladimir Zhirinovsky have also tried to

Chirac hopes TV appeal will turn tide in campaign

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

JACQUES CHIRAC, France's conservative President, faced one of the toughest tests of his political career last night as he sought to head off a left-wing election victory with a direct televised appeal for voters'

The success or failure of M Chirac's eleventh heur attempt to breathe life into the ailing Centre-Right's election. decisive factor in the neck-andneck race for control of the National Assembly.

The day after Alain Juppe, the Prime Minister, announced that he would resign. whatever the outcome of Sunday's final ballot, the battle to succeed him got under way in earnest amid reports that the President was wavering between Philippe Seguin, the popular Gaullist Eurosceptic, and Edouard Balladur, the former Prime Minister, who unsuccessfully challenged M Chirac for the presidency in

Within hours of M Juppe's announcement, M Séguiri was sommoned to the Elysee Palace for a meeting with the President. M Balladur jockeyed for the job yesterday via an interview in Le Monde in which he called for an authenically French style of econom-

But unless M Chirac can gaivanise support for his and quickly, he will be have no choice but to appoint a leftwing Prime Minister, almost certainly Lionel Jospin, the Socialist leader, and then endure up to five years of prickly

power-sharing.

A wave of pessimism has swept through the ranks of the French Government in the



wake of last Sunday's firstround ballot in parliamentary elections, when voters expressed their unhappiness with rising unemployment, high taxes, austerity measures in the run-up to EMU and M Juppé — by awarding the Centre-Right its worst election result in four decades.

"I think it may be all over."
one senior adviser to M Chirac said yesterday. "At best, we may be looking at amajority of three or four

over M Juppé's departure -"Chirac dissolves Juppe" said the newspaper Libération but whether the unprecedented decision to change Prime Ministers in mid-campaign will save the struggling centreright majority remains a moot

M Chirac has repeatedly emphasised two themes in the past - the need for economic roll taxes and the importance of reducing regulation while retaining the beloved social 'safety net" — and analysts say that, without a more radical gesture, M Chirac's third intervention of the campaign is likely to backfire as badly as the first two.

The President's most ex-treme move would be to copy the methods of his mentor, Charles de Gaulle, by threatening to resign if he is deserted by the voters. It is not a precedent that M Chirac will take great comfort from, however, since the last time De Gaulle tried that ruse, in 1969, he was defeated and left office few hours later.

The removal of M Juppe, the most unpopular Prime Minister since the 1950s, may compound M Chirac's prob lems because voters effectively will be asked to vote the centre-right coalition back into government without knowing who will lead it and thus what policies it will pursue.

Nigeria sends in troops

FROM JAMES BONE

NIGERIAN reinforcements massed in Sierra Leone yesterday in possible preparation for a counter-attack to restore the elected President ousted in last weekend's coup. A Nigerian frigate docked

and began unloading troops at the port of the capital, Freetown, with the permission of the country's new military rulers. But United Nations sources reported sighting two more Nigerian warships waiting off the coast. There were also unconfirmed reports that Nigerian the former British colony

from neighbouring Liberia. The new military rulers, led by Major Johnny Paul Koromah, reneged on a deal with the small Nigerian and Ghanaian force stationed at the international airport and yesterday took over the facility.

The question is whether the Nigerians are there to protect Nigerian citizens, or whether they are there for something else," one Western

By one estimate, as many as 24 Nigerian soldiers were killed in the coup that toppled President Ahmad Tejan Kabbah at the weekend. James Jonah, Sierra Leone's Ambassador at the UN, said Mr Kabbah had asked the Nigerian chairman of the Economic Community of West African States (Ecowas) for help before fleeing to Guinea.

In Bo, the country's second city, reports said up to 8,000 people took the streets to protest against the coup.

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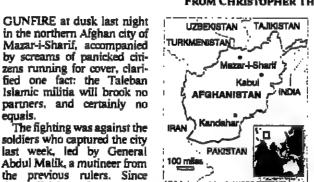
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Taleban forces fight for supremacy in northern city conquered by 'ally'

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN MAZAR-I-SHARIF



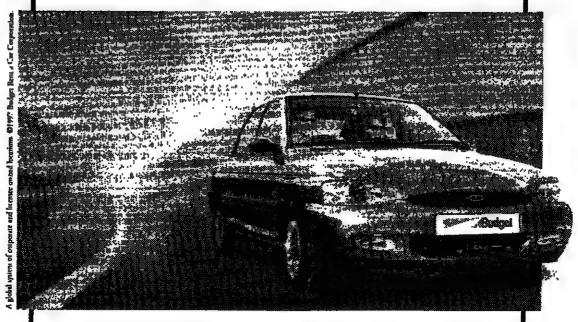
The fighting began in a small way, turning steadily into a full battle as muezzins across the city called the is an ill omen for the future of northern Afghanistan and the Central Asian states across the border, threatened with destabilisation by war on their Russia, its borders 650 miles

away, is also worried. Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan are considering their response to the threat, and may invoke a joint military pact. Uzbekistan has built large concrete barriers on the bridge across the Oxus at Hairatan, a riverside village 40 miles north of Mazar-i-Sharif, the only crossing in the

stop tanks crossing. Uzbek soldiers have been positioned on the bridge and helicopters are patrolling the border. Russia has at least 20,000 troops along Central Asia's southern borders, ready to respond to a military threat. Central Asia is also worried that thousands of refugees could seek to cross the river to escape fighting.

As the battle was going on yesterday, Mullah Mohammed Ghous, the Taleban For eign Minister, said that Taleban and General Malik had no problems with each other. The general, he said had "invited" Taleban to send 10,000 troops to the nor

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Designs of the Eighties are back in a Nineties guise

A whiff of nostalgia as Joseph puts a new slant on style

Fashion

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fter the sighting of shoulderpads and leggings on the international catwalks at the recent autumn/winter previews, there has been much talk in fashionable circles that "the Eighties" are enjoying a revival. If proof is needed, then the designer and retailer Joseph Ettedgui is the man to talk to. Joseph. as he is known has just relaunched his Parfum de Jour — a fragrance which, originally packaged in a matt black hip flask in 1985, encapsulated the

"Joseph, his clothes, his store and his perfume were the embodiment of fashion in the Eighties," says the fashion commentator Sally Brampton, Editor of Elle from 1985

to1989. "His stores set the style of the decade and he was always the first to understand and stock the important and radical new designers - such as very early Helmut Lang and John Galijano, Rifat Ozbek, Yohji Yamamoto and Azzedine Alaïa."

The shindig for the fragrance's relaunch, held at Joseph's spacious Fulham Road store, had a touch of H.G. Wells about it. The guest list read like another party in another decade and nostalgia flowed more freethan the champagne. There was the fashion de-

signer Jasper Conran who, dressed in tiny shorts and with a blond mop of hair, resembled a bus boy at Studio 54 (only the rollerskates were missing); Sophie Hicks, the androgynous-looking architect who spent much of the Eighties as a Vogue fashion editor, Nick Rhodes from Duran Duran (still looking pale and interesting); Michael Roberts, photographer and The New Yorker's fashion director, who has been a long-time collaborator with Joseph (it is Roberts who created the "mouth and nose" image that adorns the new clear glass bottle); and the Tunisian-born fashion designer Azzedine Alaïa, whom Joseph first introduced to the British public in 1983.

It was Alaia who made stretch sophisticated and manipulated leather into a sexy silhouette, and it is to Alaïa that the pacesetting designers are now turning for inspiration. Both Tom Ford, for Gucci in Milan, and Alexander McQueen, for Givenchy in Paris, carved leather into hourglass suits with second-skin pencil skirts and shoulders fit for Alexis Colby. In London, Antonio Berardi also used brightly coloured leather, slashed with scissors, to

make strictly tailored suits.

designers such as Berardi, they want to spend time with Alaïa," says Joseph. "They respect what he does."

It is not only the abundance of leather looks on the international catwalks - by designers as diverse as Ann Demeulemeester and Hermes - which take inspiration from the Eighties; there are also the soft bias knits that fall about the body and are markedly similar to the slouchy, sloppy, oversized sweaters with which Joseph made his name.

In the mid-Eighties, when Sean Penn and Madonna were happily married (blink and you missed it), Joseph Tricot became the label to flaunt. At the 1986 London collections, Debbi Mason and Lucinda Chambers

(then fashion editors at Elle magazine) wore flamboyant highwayman coats, Artful Dodger-style top hats and ... Joseph carrier bags. Just carrying one of the designer's paper shopping bags was enough to identify you as a style-setter. Cham-bers, now fashion director of Vogue, remembers how the designer successfully provided alternatives to power dressing.

He gave you the chance to dress as an individual," she says. "He has always encouraged an idiosyncratic approach to fashion. As well as being a designer, he has always been a clever buyer. Alongside the really bright outfits by labels such as Marni.

he presents something pared down and less conspicuous from his own collection." Brampton says: "In the Eighties, Joseph invented the idea of lifestyle." In the Nineties, he is still the innovator. In New York, he recently opened two stores where you can

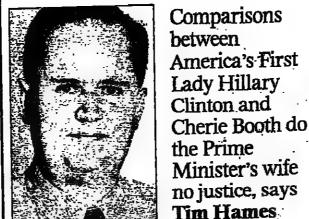
buy only trousers. No skirts, no tops, just

igh-street retailers have become so clever that the only thing someone L like myself can do is to perfect what I do for people who want to pay that little bit more," says Joseph. "You have to be able to offer people something they can't get elsewhere. A print no one else is using, a

really great fabric, or the perfect cut."

As for the nostalgia trip? "After all the frills, there is suddenly a new feeling for something sharper and seder," says Joseph. reflecting on the influence of Tom Ford. "He has been doing this kind of look for a while. Very edited suiting, very high heels. Very Eighties." Ah, the smell of it. ● lain R. Webb is fashion director of Elle magazine

Why Cherie is no



emphasise their similarity and

compatibility. All this is part of

a wider script that has turned

Bill Clinton and Tony Blair

into long-lost soulmates reunited for the benefit of tele-

vision this week. Even Jeremy Vine could not resist the

temptation on the BBC Break-

fast News yesterday morning.

The London meeting would be

a success, he solemnly an-

nounced to an agog nation, because the two leaders have

so much in common: "They are both young, like rock music, and their

wives are lawyers."

Conclusive proof,

therefore, that Bill

and Tony are polit-

ical brothers and

that, by extension,

Hillary and Cherie

come from the

same branch of the

Great story.

shame about the

facts. Beyond their

no justice, says Tim Hames mannered of Republicans will change their personality and the menu when foam at the mouth at the mere Cherie Booth and mention of her name. And Hillary Clinton meet nothing she does between now for the first time tomorrow. No and January 20, 2001, when her husband leaves office will opportunity has been missed by media managers on both sides of the Atlantic to

change that one iota. Cherie Booth, on the other hand, is unlikely to endure such a fate. Despite the efforts of a few fanatics, such as the eternally persistent Peter Hitchens of The Express, it is extremely unlikely that even the most partisan of Tories in Britain will ever take against her. Try as her husband's political opponents might, the mantle of dragon lady will not fit his wife. The public reaction here is much more likely to be sympathy bordering on affec-tion. Few would envy her the

task of bringing up a young family in the hothouse atmo-The public sphere of Downing

here is more likely to be sympathy

shared membership of the Centre Left and the English language, Bill and Tony have rather less in common that their respective spin-doctors would like us to believe. Their spouses may have entered the legal profession but the similarity stops shortly after that. It is not a comparison that does much justice to Cherie Booth. Not east because her marriage, unlike that of the Clintons, has always seemed a personal, not political, enterprise.

Hillary Clinton had been a controversial figure well before her one-woman attempt to reorganise the \$1 trillion American healthcare industry came crashing down around her. She subsequently retreated into the more symbolic role that her predecessors had accepted. She has never quite recovered from her previous incarnation. Hillary remains Joan of Arc to American liberals, Lady Macbeth to American conservatives. She is both the most admired and most reviled presidential spouse in the history of the

reaction The reasons why Republicans hate Hillary also explain why Conservatives will never be able to bring test Cherie. Mrs Clinton is, in the eyes of many Americans, a class traitor and transparent hypocrite. She was brought up in an extremely affluent Chicago suburb, the daughter of a doctor. Her family was solidly Republican in its politics. As a

teenager, Hillary Rodham, too, was a staunch conservative. But while at college she broke ranks and became a committed liberal. Hers is a story that was repeated right across the United States at this time. Families much poorer than the Rodhams strugg and saved to send their sons. and daughters to prestige universities during the 1960s. Their reward was to see their offspring stick flowers in their hair, march against the Vietnam War, reject traditional values and condemn their parents as social fascists. It

hurt then, it still does now. All that might be forgiven if Mrs Clinton were seen as a principled feminist. As it is, she is widely accused of pickand-mix practice. Even her name has altered according to circumstance. In 1978, when her husband was first elected



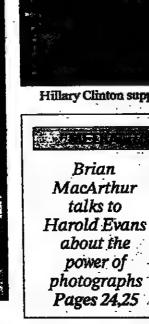
Governor of Arkansas, she styled herself Hillary Rod-ham. When her husband was thrown out of office two years later, not least because of local resentment against his outsider" advisers including his wife, she transformed herself into Hillary Clinton. That she remained until one month after Bill Clinton won the presidency, when she changed once again into Hillary Rodham Clinton. There are

States who have had fewer identities than the First Lady. Her reputation as an independent career woman has been blown apast by the Whitewater scandal. It. emerged that shortly after her husband had become Governor she turned a \$1,000 investment in the obscure and complex cattle futures market into a \$100,000 profit with the assistance of James Blair, an executive in Tyson's Foods, one of the largest employers in

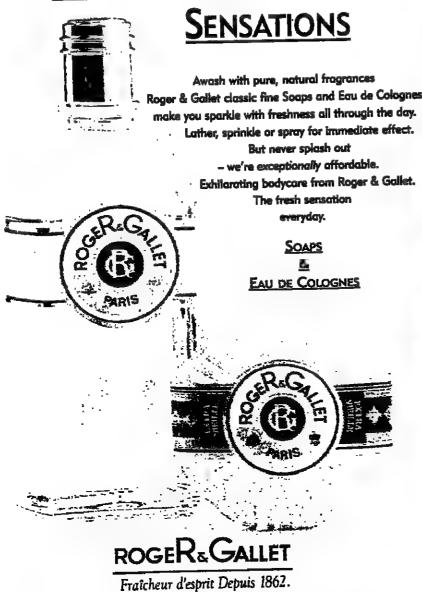
that wanted political favours from the state of Arkansas. Her defenders argued that she needed the money for her daughter's education: Hillary was supposedly convinced that her husband's womanising would lead him to abandon her. A real feminist would have shown him the door. At about the same time she was offered a hicrative partnership worth well over \$100,000 an-



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M. Hillary Clinton



of Little Rock, Arkansas, For a changed her style but not the woman who had risen to the top under her own steam, she seems to have had a lot of help from men who wanted to do-

business with Bill Clinton. Then there is her legendary political influence. When First Lady of Arkansas, she assumed charge of her husband's plans to overhaul the local school system. When she arrived in Washington, she took over healthcare. Even after that catastrophe she preferences all the same.

substance. All appointments to the American legal system must survive her potential veto. She was the crucial voice in securing the appointment of Madeleine Albright as the first female Secretary of State. Republicans protest that she has never stood in an election anywhere. Americans have never had the chance to vote either for or against her, but have been stuck with her

None of this would stick to relationships and spent much Cherie Booth. She was born of his life wedded to the bottle. The occasional Liverpool into genuine poverty in Liverpool. Her mother was abandocker might consider her a doned by her father - Tony Booth of Till Death Us Do class traitor, but Middle England is hardly likely to think Part fame — and worked in a the same. She has retained her fish and chip shop and the own surname throughout travel department of Littlemarried life, even when the woods to support her daughlikes of Peter Mandelson ters. Cherie's relationship with this volatile figure appthought it would look better to rechristen her Cherie Blair. ears to be extraordinarily good considering that he has had

three wives, numerous other

There is no mileage in hypocrisy either. Ms Booth became a successful lawver despite her husband's political rise, not because of it. If he had been an anonymous Islington figure, few in the legal profes-sion doubt that she would have built a career as a senior High Court judge. As it was, her progress from Assistant Recorder upwards slowed when Tony Blair became Labour leader. As the Government is responsible for such senior appointments, she may find her path blocked for fear that her elevation would smack of nepotism. If the situation in Northern Ireland were to deteriorate during her husband's premiership, she might be forced to abandon the law. She is determined to keep working for as long as she can. In showing that the Prime Minister's spouse can keep a career of her own, she is striking a greater blow for feminism than Hillary Clinton has ever managed.

or is there the slightest evidence that she exercises a secret influence over the Prime Minister's policies. She stood openly for the House of Commons in 1983 and, after her defeat, abandoned parliamentary ambi-tions. Her willingness to represent liberal causes in the courts shows where her sympathies continue to lie. Her radicalism, though, seems to be tempered by devout Catholicism. She will not adopt overtly political causes while resident in Downing Street.

Apart from their shared membership of the legal profession, Cherie Booth has rather less in common with Hillary Clinton than she does with Socks, the White House cat. She will doubtless be relieved when Air Force One and the Clinton crew have departed these shores. Cheric Booth is no Hillary Clinton and is all the better for it. Who knows what the British public will think of Tony Blair come the next general election? However, it is unlikely that even a significant minority will detest his wife.

A case that has forced us to face ugly reality

he fact that James Kelly has decided to stop trying legally to prevent his estranged wife Lynne having an abortion puts an end to the very public debate about their particular case. But it does nothing to clear up the

confusion on our part.
We are still in the mire. Biologically speaking, it is so simple: we are here to pass on our DNA. That's the point of us. But the biology-is-destiny line has rather fizzled out of late — and thank God (figuratively speaking) for that. This cannot but leave us in a muddle. Because we live in a highly developed techno-industrial age, we have grown used to accepting all the romantic, backto-the-land assumptions about the beauteous wisdom of nature it offends us when suddenly nature looks like foe

rather than friend. But nature is not on our side and never has been: human history is the history of our overcoming the constraints of nature; that, friends, is civilisation.

Not that anyone could have called this wrangle civilised; it began to seem, rather, like a manifestation of all that is uncivilised about our society. And if we are relieved that the appeal to the House of Lords has been called off, it is not only because of sympa-- on the part of those so inclined — for the wife, but because we found it distasteful to have, held up in front of us, quite such a cruelly truthful reflec-

tion of an indisputably ugly reality. Civilisation tests itself when morality and natural instincts are pitted against one another. And don't be misled by those who argue that natural law is necessarily ethical. Rights, moral sense, a belief in justice: these are add-ons; the wallpaper you put up once you get out of the jungle and into somewhere more

We have simply got to try to face the abortion issue but increasingly we funk it. There is too much dishonesty, particularly - and I say this as someone who is pro-abortion — in the pro-abortionists' camp. For one thing, there's that "pro-choice" tag: I've written about that before, so will restrain myself now, except to say that it's an example of muzzle-minded pusillanimity if ever 1

Behind it lies a dishonesty about what abortion is: abortion involves the death of the foetus, and the foetus is not an undifferentiated mass of cells appended to the mother and therefore part of her: The abortion debate is riddled with intellectual holes — and both sides duck the issue

to terminate a pregnancy is not the same as removing a tumour. I can accept that at the same time as accepting that abortion is sometimes the best of bad choices because I don't believe in the sanctity of life I believe vehemently in the preciousness of life, which is quite The dishonesty in how we discuss

abortion comes from the dishonesty necessary to procure an abortion. Because we have it enshrined in law that termination may be carried out if to continue the pregnancy would injure the putative mother's health, doctors and debaters collude - have to — in talking in those

But what irony: even I, as I say, a pro-abortionist, feel revulsion when time and time I hear how bad it would be for the health of the mother to have the baby, when we all know that not to have it is fatal for the health of the baby.

We are uncomfortable with discussing abortion in these terms because in

conceding what it really is about, we fear we give ammunition to the antiabortionists. Naomi Wolf was ridiculed for writing about coming to terms with the fact that "abortion stops a beating heart". Perhaps she shouldn't have made it seem quite so much as if hers was an original discovery, a personal revelation withheld the rest of us bluntheads. But the truth is that many of those arguing for a woman's right to terminate her pregnancy refuse even to discuss the issue in these terms.

Nigella Lawson

If abortion is about death, it is also about survival. The woman carrying an unwanted baby would no doubt survive even if she had the child, but her every instinct for self-preservation is turned against her bahy. It's true that many women who start off appalled to be pregnant end up loving the child beyond any of their anxious imaginings. But this is not always the case. Those of us with children know how hard it is to bring up children who

in a family when a child is resented from the moment of conception is awful And if the abortion debate is necessar-

ily violently polarised, it is also the case, among those women who are not crusaders for either cause, that abortion is viewed enormously, definingly, differently. It seems that abortion is thought — especially by those in their anxious late thirties or early forties - to be automatically a traumatic choice for a woman; among those younger, if anecdotal evidence is anything to go by (and I suspect it is) it is becoming more and more a value-free post facto alternative to contraception

Abortion is very difficulty for a society that sanctifies the idea of mother and child, that believes in the fundamental and elevating maternal bond. For when a woman feels that her own self will be undermined by the existence of a baby, it paints a very un-madonna-like picture of the enmity between mother and child. She feels her happiness is reliant on the destruction of the baby inside her. In that sense, as Camille Paglia points out, it is about survival - survival of the fittest. The two are pitted against one another: the mother is stronger and she

Put like that, it does seem shocking. It seems, even, to go against nature. And yet it is nature. To defend abortion from a higher, moral perspective is - if one is being honest - impossible. Any argument is riddled with intellectual holes; yet I feel (and I use the word "feel" pointedly) it can be defensible. To be frank. I suppose murder, too, would seem defensible at times: that is why we have a law against it.

But we don't have a law against abortion. The mother carries the child. is responsible for bearing it to term. If she refuses to bear that responsibility. should we really, legally or otherwise, be trying to make her?

Jealous? Me? Of a woman of 51?

I OWN up I am not quite old enough to be taking solace in the fact that Helen Mirren, at 51, is judged by the sofabound public to be the sexiest dame on TV. thus winning over the tousled and much younger heads of Gillian Anderson (X Files). Jennifer Aniston (Friends) and Teri Hatcher (Superman).

Furthermore, I have to admit that the sight of Jane Asher covered in chocolate but not much else for a new McVities ad is downright depressing. I can just about accept that colt-limbed girls barely out of their teens might have the edge: it is somewhat harder on one's vanity to have to concede the ground to women in their fifties.





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CHANGING TIMES

Alan Coren



Now don't be alarmed. old cock

t is only a dispirited guess, mind, but there appears to be a fair chance, this morning, that 50 per cent of my readership isn't that at all. It is 50 per cent of my have The Times propped against the cruet, but their faces are lying beside the corn-flakes, snoring gently. Others may have taken the paper to read in their tub, where it is presently soaking to dark grey shards as its non-reader lies in shrivelling slumber. stirring only to brush away the rubber duck which, from time to time bobs annoyingly against his ear. Others yet, earlier and higher-flying birds, may already be in their offices, but the intended quick glance at The Times before getting down to serious wheeling and dealing has become, willy-nilly, a quick kip on a VDU keyboard gradually indenting their cheeks with neat rows of little squares -- though many of their keen frater-nity will not have arrived at their workplaces at all, having pulled instead, feeling suddenly sleepy, into some lay-by where they are now stretched out on their extended seats in the snug ad hoc darkness of this centre spread as it gently rises and falls with their riffling snores. To whose number we may confidently add 50 per cent of those trans-global hotshots who, after being chaufleured, dozing, to the airport, are now dribbling into the shoulder of the passenger beside them; and since he, The Times having slipped from his neighbour's inert fingers, has just become part of the other 50 per cent. let me say hello and welcome.

So who, my new reader will want to know, are these sad sommolents, and why are they so tired? Well, they are the disturbingly high 50 per cent of high achievers (thus patently Times readers to a man, and woman) who, according to research reported in Sunday's papers, are plagued by a mysterious latigue syndrome which has them stumbling blearily into waiting-rooms throughout the queendom and nodding off until it is their turn to be told by the doctor that there is no ready explanation for their malady. It has no known cause, there is no known remedy, all that is certain is that it selects the nation's top bananas.

Since we clearly cannot take this lying down, it is time to reconsider the case of Mr Basil Vandenheede of Rochester, about whom 50 per cent of you will have read in last Thursday's Times. Basil's problem was not constantly falling asleep, it was constantly waking up: because for six weeks, every night at 4am, a cock crowed, jack-knifing the crowing stopped. Now, not only did Basil scour the neighbourhood in vain search of the bird, he took his house apart, brick by brick. He called in the gas board, who pulled his fireplace out and went away again. without a cockerel. He rang Kent Council, who billeted two environmental health officers on him, but failed to diagnose the environmental sickness which by now was turning its victim into one of the 50 per cent. He was tired all the time. And then, one night at 4am, one of the officials heard the cock early enough to get a fix on it, and, sprinting, track it down. It was still crowing when he found it. On Basil's wrist,

📉 ix weeks earlier, a friend of Basil had given him a Chinese watch. Neither knew that this kind gift had an alarm pre-programmed at the factory to go off daily at 4am as a cockerel. Nor would it have occurred to you or me. What does occur to me, though, is that it might have occurred to the Chinese: for they have always been a highly inventive people, and now they are highly competitive, too, eager to see off all other economies by any means available.

You will say, hang on, top occidental bananas do not wear digital Chinese watches, they wear Rolexes, they wear Patek-Philippes, these do not crow at dawn, ruining sleep and business efficiency - and I reply, true, but China manufactures two thirds of the world's microprocessors, they go into clock radios and fax machines and computers and phones and oven-pingers and security alarms, they sit at the heart of everything programmable to go off at a given signal. The tiger is coming over the Pacific Rim, and he is burning bright: is it so unlikely that he has decided to co-opt, quite literally, the watches of the night?

If voters are to endorse monetary union, says John Monks, the Amsterdam treaty must boost employment

cross Europe today, trade unionists will join together in a cam-Paign that looks very likely to succeed. We are pressing the European Union to take employment more seriously. In particular, we want Europe's member states, meeting under the Dutch presidency in Amsterdam next month, to agree to include an employment chapter in the renegotiated treaty which will supersede Maastricht.

This now looks probable, and the key to this has been the election of a Labour Government in Britain, That is why we will welcome the Foreign Secretary. Robin Cook, to a conference at Congress House today, together with Ad Melkert, the Dutch Minister for Social Affairs, to map out the future of a people's Europe in advance of the Amsterdam summit.

Labour's victory, coupled with President Clinton's re-election last year, brings to an end the long domination of policy debate by the conservative dogma of unfettered free markets, privatisation and deregulation.

In Britain, the Conservatives' dual strategy of hostility to Europe and opposition to decent minimum standards in the workplace helped to reduce them to little more than a rump in the Commons, Unfortunately, there seem to be few signs that any of their leadership contenders have learnt the hard lesson that the "downsizing" of the Conservative Party followed their enthusiastic

Open a new chapter for the workers of Europe

ployment was due to deregulation. hostility to trade unions and low levels of employee protection did not resonate. with voters. They were right to be

No one denies that unemployment has fallen in Britain at a time when it has been growing elsewhere, even if the unemployment count is now hopelessly compromised. This is due partly to Britain's economic cycle being out of step with the rest of Europe, partly to economic growth following our expulsion from the exchange-rate mechanism. and a lot is due to more and more people disappearing from unemployment

Conservative celebrants of economic success should ask why Britain has more working age households without work than either France or Germany. The truth is that Britain has been moor at creating jobs, and those that have been created have tended to be insecure, lowpaid and of poor quality. That is one more reason why we need a Europesocial chapter is the first step towards a new recognition by all member states that social protection is as much a core policy of the EU as the single market. Advancing the European programme has always been most successful when policymakers have remembered this compromise. Europe has been a force for stability and progress since the war. This is because Europe's politicians have not forgotten that while the dismanding of trade barriers and the freeing of markets bring prosperity, they also unleash powerful forces. These can produce enormous dislocation, so stability can be assured only when the people. in the European marketplace are pro-

tected from their worst excesses. The TUC has long argued that Britain's future is bound together with the rest of Europe, but we are concerned that in recent years some policymakers have forgotten this key compromise. If the Eurosceptics had their way and Britain left the European Union, the inevitable economic collapse would produce a jobs Armageddon. But Europe's

Ending Britain's opt-out from the recent jobs record is not good enough, and unemployment currently stands close to 20 million across the EU.

The EU has focused too much on maintaining financial stability in each country, and not enough on people's iobs. This is why worries have been increasing across Europe. Of course, in Britain it has taken on an ugly nationalistic tone, but elsewhere questions are being asked about the EU's

direction by politicians motivated by concern for Europe, not by jingoism.

The TUC has been one of the staunchest supporters of the single-currency in Britain, and it remains one. But trade unionists recognise that if voters are to endorse monetary union. they need to be reassured that it is in-their interests to do so because it will bring economic security in its wake.
Uniting Europe round the social chapter and putting an effective employment chapter into its fundamental treaties is the key to reconnecting Europe's citizens. to the European project. Of course, the rather cosy world that was shattered in Britain by the dark years of Thatcherism

will never return. Flexibility is now the will never return. Flexibility is now the key to long-term economic success, as skills, knowledge and adaptability give companies a competitive edge. But just as important are the commitment and loyalty of staff. Flexibility can simply be code for exploitation and insecurity. The challenge is to be flexible without four This is the modern causing fear. This is the modern expression of Europe's great compromise between economic dynamisn and social protection.

Putting an employment chapter into the treaty will not solve Europe's unemployment problem on its own, but it is the crucial first step. To those arguing within European councils that the EU must follow policies for growth, employment and investment, it will be a huge advantage. They will now have backing from the treaty, without which they have lost too many arguments to conservative versions of fiscal stability in the past. It will unleash creative thinking across the Continent about how we can best secure rewarding and

Employees in Britain overwhelmingly rejected the narrow views of the Right. They will earn the grantude of employ ees across the Continent as Labour's new commitment to making Europe work starts to reconnect the grand ideals of Europe with the concerns of ordinary people at work.

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Sexual politics of procreation

The law penalises fathers, but science is on their side: surrogacy can't be banned

because both men and women want it

Scottish woman wants an abortion. The putative father does not. They argue. She is two months into pregnancy and goes to hospital. He goes to court. The Scottish law ruminates, finds for the woman, changes its mind, faxes the hospital, changes its mind again and then takes a holiday. The judicial dahlias need attention.

This is convenient to the father's cause. With each day that passes, the woman's inclination to the abortion diminishes. The law remains undecided. the gardens beckon. A second opinion from the House of Lords is requested. Their lordships dah-

lias are even more demanding than those north of the border. A date for the hearing is judges' Bank Holiday "week". Courts, like universities, holiday in the old style. The foetus is put on hold.

Once again the question is unanswered. Does a man have any rights over his sperm once it leaves his body? Three months ago, Diane Blood sought permission to be fertilised by sperm surgically removed from her dying husband. She claimed, with no supporting evidence, that this was his wish. Odium was heaped on the Human Embryology and Fertilisation Authority for protesting at the assault on Mr Blood's comatose body. The case was decided by an emotional appeal by a woman understandably wanting a baby by her dead husband. The implication went unremarked, that a woman is entitled to remove and use sperm from a man, indeed from a near-corpse, without his express consent and for purposes that no court could possibly regulate.

Other cases arrive by the week. The Child Support Agency says that in donating sperm to childless or lesbian couples, men cannot avoid financial responsibility for any resulting children, even if the women promise not to sue for Such men are, I suppose, more "culpable" than a man who is deceived by a woman who says she is on the pill but wants a child irrespective of his wishes. In both situations, the man is defenceless against suit or blackmail and will get no comfort from the courts or state agencies. He can be impoverished as a result of a false pretence which, in other contexts, would be actionable. Modern biological fingerprinting means that fathers can be traced and hounded throughout a child's life, with no "blame" or related obligation falling to the mother.

The gender tribalism of these arguments is lively. In my experience, few women have the slightest sympathy with the men. "Men were deceivers ever." The sexes are perpetually at Thurberian war. As a speaker on sterday's Tuesday Call put it, men have had it their way for so long, the unfairness account can be balanced. Women have "rights" in childbearing, men only have "interests". All is fair in love and war, marriage being a subset of both. The courts go along with that.

Men might therefore hesitantly welcome the other consuming topic of the week, female surrogacy. Of one years' time, non-coital procreation will be commonplace. A feature of the surrogacy debate is the widening gap between scientists

and attendant parents desperate for children and a ragged army of moralists and legislators chasing after them, brandishing binoculars, red tape, shackles and bromide.

Whatever the latter say, we shall see quantities of 60-year-old women giving birth, using young women's eggs. We shall see couples freezing embryos and bringing them to term at their convenience later in life. Working women will use "animate incubators" to hear their offspring, much as Victorians used wer nurses. Homosexual couples, "lifestyle impotents", will have surrogate babies as a matter of course and many such couples will prove stable and loving parents. De facto single-parenthood in cities will become the norm. And since many of the single parents I know are among the best parents I know, I would hazard that the outcome will not be plummeting morality and soaring crime, but the opposite.

Most medical innovations are greeted with moral aversion. For decades, anaesthetics were refused at childbirth since birth pain was considered God's wish. In vitro fertilisation, like heart transplants, was at first excoriated as unnatural. Mrs Blood's posthumous conception would once have been howled out of court. The practice of scanning and aborting a "wrong-sex" foetus, increasingly common, is still technically a criminal offence. Time was when abortion was only to save the life



of the mother. Now it is "on demand" or, ... longevity. of the distinction between in technically its commonest form. morning after

The same will be true of surrogate mothers. What began as extra-uterine fertilisation has moved on. Eggs, sperm and womb have become ever more distinct entities in the struggle to free couples from the misery of infertility. The bizarre distinction now drawn ween lawful "expenses" for surrogacy but illegal and somehow immoral "payments" is a classic liberal equivocation, to which I see Baroness Warnock has succumbed. It is like the old Amateur Athletic Association pleading that running for nothing is noble while running for money is greed. Here is a much needed market to be regulated, not banned and forced underground.

Virtually all of these advances relieve women from the bondage of childbearing. Yet in his recent The Origins of Virtue, Matt Ridley remarks on the

woman as childbearer and man as hunter-gatherer. This dictiotomy has been carried through into militant feminism, into artificial insemination, into the concept of the "redundant male" or, heaven help us, the virtual male. In such a future, sperm comes from a bank (and a catalogue?) and men may be excluded from bed, home and hearth.

Far from being ridiculed, this bias is ingrained in child support law. While womb donation is to be regarded as a matter of philanthropy, there is no such nonsense about sperm donation. That chadel of politically correct ferminism, the Child Support Agency, is adamant. A lesbian couple, one said to be a boxer; the other an RAF cook, recently impresnated themselves by means of a syringe.
The agency assured them that they had no obligation to support their children. It would hound the donors of the sperm on their behalf, since, in all cases.

support. No responsibility, let alone blame, attached to the women. Their only duty was to tell the government the men's names. To most men this is Stone

Age law.

At a flippant level, surrogacy offers a riposte to the sisterhood. If the penis is redundant, so now is the womb. Vombs are for rent, the going rate being £12,000. Science will shortly enable women to freeze their eggs in youth and fertilise them in vitro later in life, even after the menopause. Commercial agencies will enable a foetus to be carried by a surrogate mother to relieve the genetic mother of the inconvenience of preg-nancy and the possible danger of child-birth. This will be a boon not just to the infertile but those who marry late in life or have lost children. Men too can take habies off the shelf.

Surrogacy could thus free mothers from childbearing but also from the excuse of childbearing, it offers the final end to Ridley's dichotomy. Since the egg becomes as transportable as the sperm. men and women can choose to be blologically equal in marriage. Women too can be liable for "maintenance". Freed from establish equality with men in childrearing as in career, indeed in the evolutionary cycle, the fittest women may stay young and strong by not bearing their own children.

There will be a thousand complica4 M 4 T

tions, as this month's collapse of the Roche-Peeters surrogacy deal showed. On that, the law at least was clear, A child belongs to the woman inside whom it is carried, irrespective of its genes. The same law, we thought, was clear over abortion. A woman must have the right to decide on the use made of her own body. Likewise with surrogacy, recent cases prove the need for sensitive regulation, not prohibition. The muchcriticised agency in the Roche-Pecters affair. Childlessness Overcome Through Surrogacy, claims to have had only half a dozen problem cases but more than 200 successful deliveries.

This is an overwhelming credit balance. There is demand for a service. There is a supply and there is money. It may be distasteful that children can be bought with money. Yet they always have been, witness the humbug that surrounds the adoption market. From this crooked human twig, no straight thing will ever be fashioned.

Those opposed to advances in assisted pregnancy maintain that their interest lies with the child. This is usually an excuse for an intrusive, repressive and reactionary interference in personal freedom. Governments cannot make children happy. All that they can and should do is ease the path to happiness for miserable parents. Science offers help to thousands for whom children have been an unattainable blessing. The only immorality is to stand in their way.

Late changes

suit rather than black tie with the CBI for dinner earlier this month, Gordon Brown has set an ugly precedent. Black tie dinners have suddenly been declared suspect. and are being cancelled.

The hosts of a black tie celebration of Britain's return to Unesco on July I have dispatched a circular to guests informing them to wear lounge suits.

At the dinner, Federico Mayor, the Director-General of Unesco. will make the address welcoming Britain back to the organisation, which we left in 1985. It will be a glittering occasion, attended by Britain's academic elite as well as distinguished professionals in the fields of arts and science.

Every guest has received a circular from De Montfort University which is hosting the dinner at a fancy London hotel: "In view of the Government's preference for greater informality on occasions such as this," it reads, "the dress code for the dinner will now be

lounge suit." Guests are bemused and style experts are astonished. Sir Hardy Amies, dressmaker to the Queen

ing from the Chancellor's decision to ignore his hosts and shun black tie. "It's just rude." he says. *Dressing is largely a question of manners. If you fail on manners you fail on style."

David Wardrop, vice-chairman of the UK Friends of Unesco, is astonished: "It will be beer and



Don't wander off, the place is riddled with old protesters' tunnels"

sandwiches next, which will make some people very upset." De Montfort University, formerly Leicester Poly, was not answering calls

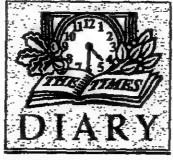
■ The Archbishop of Canterbury finally lost patience last weekend with those who accuse him harshly of being one of the "Happy Clappy" brigade. Speaking at Godmersham Church in Kent, he denied forcefully that he had ever played the tambourine. The furthest he went, he said, was to sing hymns in

And Lady's

DESPITE the euphoria of England's victory over Australia in the one-day series, things are beginning to look pretty rum for the senior members at Lord's, to judge by Marylebone Cricket Club's latest circular.

The boys are still gasping for breath after the club's decision to ban smoking in the Long Room on match days. Many have been unable to secure Rover tickets to the Test matches because they are oversubscribed. And now they have been told that women are to be allowed into the Pavilion for the

first time during a men's match. The ladies were given access last year during a women's internation-



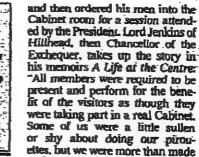
al, but the MCC is inviting them back for the club's match against Melbourne in June. "It's the beginning of the end," said one member. whose face, after a day at Lord's on Sunday, matched the bacon-

coloured stripe of his tie. "And on top of all this, we've been told that our car parking rights inside the ground have been taken away. It rather ruins one's

Good show

AS Harold Wilson's former press secretary. Joe Haines, pointed out yesterday in the letters column opposite, President Clinton will not be the first of his breed to address the Cabinet at Downing

in 1969, Harold Wilson threw a dinner party for Richard Nixon



ettes, but we were more than made up for by Crossman and Benn who put on bravura performances," he Benn trilled away about Sput-

niks and Bible readings." The Pres-



Abbott disgraceful

ident simply looked amazed and expressed suitable admiration to the Prime Minister about the brilliance of his Cabinet."

Office politics

TO ENSURE a decent office in the Commons: MPs from all parties would be advised to start ingratianing themselves with Sir Raymond Powell, Labour MP for Ogmore. He is likely to be re-elected to his pre-election position of Chairman, of Works, which would put him in charge of office realistation.

Among those who should be par-ticularly careful is Diane Abbott, the MP for Hackney North and Stoke Newington, who was criti-cised after the last election. When she saw that her name was second to the bottom on the office ballot. she used the sort of language I wouldn't expect to hear in the kitchens," recalls a bystander, "If she speaks to Sir Raymond like that this time, she'll find herself with a desk in the dungeons.

Banging on

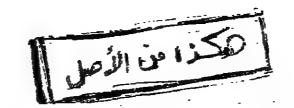
EXTRA sausages are being ship-ped into the Savoy Hotel, following the arrival of the Australian tycoon Kerry Packer. Every summer, Packer occupies four riverside



Packer: sausages in season

suites in the hotel - at more than £1,000 a night by way of a pied deterre during the social season. In attendance are his wife, his valet, and sundry hangers on from the Alice Springs party set.

Although a tremendous tipper and therefore a popular guest at the Savoy, Packer can cause difficulhes in the kitchen on account of his insatiable demand for sausages. We're always having to send out for more. - all sorts of varieties too," says a fruitful source in the





PROMISES TO KEEP

More Western doors should now be opened to Russia

Boris Yeltsin's penchant for springing surprises on foreign leaders has recovered along with his health. His unscripted offer yesterday to cease targeting Russia's nuclear missiles at Nato members was of limited military significance: retargeting is an easy task. As has happened before, what Mr Yeltsin actually said was more ambitious and had to be "clarified" by his aides.

But politically, this was a deft move. President Yeltsin was in Paris to sign the "founding act" on relations between Nato and Russia, which Nato has presented as the means to build confidence in Russia that enlargement of the alliance will not threaten its interests. By getting his gesture in first, Mr Yeltsin was out to underline that in this new dialogue, Moscow intends to be an active innovator - as a fully-fledged partner in the maintenance of European security.

The point for Western leaders to note is that this is a deal which Mr Yeltsin, taunted by nationalists for signing a new Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact, can sell to Russians only as part of a broader political package, one which sets Russia firmly on course for full membership of all the important international clubs. That is the prospect which President Clinton held out at the Russo-American Heisinki summit in March; it is a promise he has to keep. He can do little to persuade Russians to come to terms with Nato enlargement; but indignation at being kept in the waiting rooms of other Western organisations compounds their sense of injury and feeds suspicion of the West.

For Moscow, the club with greatest symbolic significance is the Group of Seven industrialised countries, where the main obstacle is resistance from Japan, still in dispute with Russia over the Kurile Islands. Mr Clinton has insisted on inviting Mr Yeltsin for almost of all of this year's G7 summit in Denver, which Washington is renaming the "Summit of Eight". But in terms of integrating Russia in the global economy, a closer relationship with the European Union and membership of bodies such as the World Trade Organisation

(WIO) and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) are of greater practical importance.

Russia feels, with some justification, that rules which have been bent for other applicants are being too rigidly applied in its case. In Paris yesterday Yevgeni Primakov signed a new co-operation pact with the OECD, which Russia applied to join a year ago. This commits the OECD to assist Russia to develop "a fully-fledged market within a framework of democratic institutions"; but it sets no target date for admitting Russia to full membership.

This is wrong; Poland has become a member although it has barely started down the privatisation road; so has South Korea, which is uncertainly democratic and no paragon of market freedoms. OECD officials are already working closely and well with Russia. Nothing but good could come from early full membership, which would help Russian reformers by opening Russia to the OECD system of public peer scrutiny of its economic performance.

The origins of the OECD date back to the Marshall Plan - the historic act of American generosity to war-devastated Europe from which Stalin refused to profit. It would be an act of statesmanhip to admit Russia in this 50th anniversary year. If that involves transitional arrangements, so be it. As for the WTO, the West gives the impression that it is more anxious to admit China, whose failures to live up to trade agreements are notorious, than it appears to be to help Russia across the threshold.

President Clinton justifies his enthusiasm for Nato enlargement by insisting that it is part of his grand design to change "the whole pattern of thought" that has dictated the politics of the European continent for the past 50 years. He insists he wants to include Russia in a new transatlantic system. He concedes that this will involve a level of American leadership and engagement in Europe "that goes against the historical grain". Mr Yeltsin has matched his rhetoric. Russians await further proof.

A MATTER OF HONOUR

It is not too late to do justice to all our war dead

Distance lends detachment, but it can also were ill-equipped to diagnose. "Shell-shock" distort. The decision by the Armed Forces Minister, Dr. John Reid, to review the cases of more than 300 men executed during the First World War for cowardice and other offences under fire is a gracious and appropriate gesture from th w Government but the difficulties involved should not be underestimated. Seventy years on from the Great War it is hard to imagine the pressures men faced in the trenches. It is equally hard to imagine how difficult it was for officers to maintain military discipline without resort to exemplary justice.

Dr Reid has, wisely, stressed the importance of treading carefully through the Flanders cemeteries to ensure that new injustices are not done. When the review is concluded, families whose honour has been unfairly blighted should see their fallenrelatives' reputation exonerated.

With the benefit of hindsight, and medical advances, it seems likely that many of the men assumed to have been wilful deserters were quite out of their wits. The men in the trenches faced long periods of inactivity in often grotesque conditions punctuated by high explosive bombardment, gas attack or exposure to sustained machinegum fire. In the words of Private Arthur Wrench of the Highland Division writing on the Somme in 1916: "It strikes me there is not much glory these days in dying for your country."

The nature of the war meant that many soldiers suffered mentally disabling conditions whose nature contemporary doctors

was a catch-all term for a misunderstood syndrome and some of its victims became victims of the firing squad when their illness was confused with insubordination.

The manner of deserters' deaths executed, blindfold, at dawn by their peers only adds to the sense of anger at any injustice. The shame families will have feit when the man they thought a hero was branded a coward compounds the need for a review where the facts available now do not bear the judgment made at the time. Consideration, however, should also be extended to those who did the judging. The British Army officers of the First World War have become a byword for blimpish incompetence, but the commanders in the field faced formidable difficulties. If harsh decisions were taken then the men who took them should not be damned for doing what they saw as their duty in the fight against aggressive and autocratic empires.

Taken together with his decision to reconsider the position of veterans believed to be suffering from Gulf War syndrome. yesterday's announcement marks another welcome step by Dr Reid towards changing the Ministry of Defence's culture. While the reputation of the Services is as high as ever. and any steps to dilute their warrior code should be resisted, the ministry has become associated in the public mind with bureaucratic buck-passing. The greater openness Dr Reid has set in train is a proper tribute to Service personnel, current and past.

LADYLIKE VALUES

For the survival of the fittest, basic instincts are best

Mighty contests rise on trivial wings. A beetle's eye view of the miniature life in a meadow in southern France is being shown in the prizewinning film Microcosmos. Its microscopes discover tiny creatures punching above their weight, and engaging enthusiastically in other natural activities, in the free for all beneath men's feet. And now, as our New York correspondent reports on page 16, the little ladybird has come to rescue one of the mightiest natural wonders of America, the New England Fall.

The hemlock, the commonest evergreen in the eastern States, is being destroyed by alien aphids blown across the oceans. Chemical insecricides are expensive, inefficient and ecologically suspect. So a host of Japanese ladybird beetles, which feed on the hemlock-eating aphids, has been imported. If only somebody had sent for the appropriate ladybirds before Dutch elm disease wiped out a glory of the English landscape.

Gardeners and children have always known that ladybirds are good gals in the battle of life. To human eyes their scarlet dress looks prettier than the Jurassic patio black of greater beetles. Ladybirds do not sting. And they sit on the human hand, apparently like pets, but really because they enjoy sipping the moisture. Because of their beneficial appetite for greenfly, ladybirds were named in honour of the Virgin Mary; not because of an erroneous belief that they are all female. Other languages honour them with the same association. In French la coccinelle is la bête à Dieu; in German the

Marienhuhn. In Britain they acquired the "bird" as the second element in their name because of a prudish aversion to the word "bug". Americans are not so delicate. They call a ladybug a bug. Southern States favour the British name, which is why Claudia Taylor Johnson, the former First Lady, bears the familiar Southern nickname.

The nursery rhyme telling the ladybird to fly away home refers to the burning of the hop vines after harvest, which cleared the fields but burnt the beetles. Like much folklore, it was also used to predict the wedding day of the singer. For in the battle of survival of the fittest, sex is almost as vital as eating. Both are activities at which the ladybird is world champion at its weight. In its life cycle of four weeks it has time for nothing else.

Her nurse calls Juliet "ladybird", meaning sweetheart. But the more common use of ladybird as human nickname was for a "light or lewd" woman. Puritans in New England will disapprove of using nature's sex maniac as saviour of their woods. But "any port in a storm", as one of literature's ladybirds remarked. Saving the hemlock is worth any amount of light or lewd behaviour. Anyway, aphids are almost as promiscuous as ladybirds. And, in spite of Coleridge's commercial for the stuff, honeydew is merely the sticky excrement that aphids deposit on leaves. The ladybird is an ally to human beings from the rosebush to the woods of Connecticut. Its sexual activities can safely be left to look after themselves. So far they have managed wonderfully well.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Expats' right to a say on devolution

From Dr Charles Pattie

Sir, In their letters (May 23) complaining that as expatriate Scots living elsewhere in the UK they will be disenfranchised in the referendum on devolution, Captain J. G. Ferrie and Mr John Laurence appear to be unaware of an important precedent in UK electoral law.

Since 1989, all UK citizens who have been living outside the country for as long as 20 years are entitled to register as electors in the last constituency in which they were either enrolled or resident (the latter for those under the age of 18 when they left the UK). Per-haps the same right should be accord-ed to Scots and Welsh who have left their home country to live in England or Northern Ireland (or, indeed, anywhere else) when compiling the rolls for the devolution referendums.

CHARLES PATTIE, University of Sheffield, Department of Geography, Western Bank, Sheffield.

From Mr Ewan Phillips

Sir, As a Scot living and working in London, I anticipate voting in the ref erendum on the local government issue of establishing a mayor's office. If the establishment of a unitary authority or "Scottish parliament" is to be decided only by those people living in Scotland, it can only be a local government issue. However, any nat-ional government issue concerning Scotland's future in the Union is a matter for all Scots, regardless of

where they may live.

Before the West Lothian question. we should first address the "Gary Mc-Allister question". What say in Scotland's future should the captain of its football team have while he lives and works in England?

Yours faithfully, EWAN PHILLIPS, 14 Beatrice Road, Richmond, Surrey. May 26.

Suicide decisions

From the Reverend Nick Read. Director of the Rural Stress Information Network

Sir, Dr Colin Howson's assertion that it is morally impermissible to prevent someone from committing suicide (letter. May 16) does not accord with our understanding of the psychology of suicidal people. Many of them will not only be mentally distressed but also in an intensely ambivalent state, wanting both to die and to be saved. It is this ambivalence which allows those working alongside them to develop strategies which reinforce their desire to live.

The statement that "I am going to do it — now" may itself be a last desperate plea for intervention. Provided that the helper has made it clear that they will intervene, even against expressed wishes, the moral integrity of the situation remains intact since the distressed person can decline to communicate further. If they choose to continue the relationship, however, then I believe that we must give them the benefit of the doubt that they still wish life over death - even when they state otherwise.

In circumstances where a paramedic has to decide whether to resuscitate someone with whom they have not previously been in long-term contact, then the question whether their statement that they do not wish to be resuscitated represents their deepest wishes deserves a far more studied response than it receives in Dr Howson's letter. In those circumstances I still believe that the paramedic acted appropriately.

Yours faithfully. NICK READ, Director. Rural Stress Information Network, Arthur Rank Centre, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire.

Vegans and Volvos

From Mrs Jenny Moss

Sir, May I thank you for acknowledging the campaigning mind of the WI membership ("Vegans and Volvos", leading article, May 19). However, our campaigning started long before Brightlingsea or Newbury.

Our first national discussion on animal welfare took place in 1923. We have always been concerned for our environment. The Keep Britain Tidy Group in the early 1950s was the result of another WI campaign. In 1960 Cookham WI in Berkshire called for more stringent controls on the use of pesticides; and, at our annual conference on June 3 and 4, we shall be discussing how individual members can support Agenda 21 on local action for sustainable development.

adopted at the Rio summit in 1992. WI members have achieved a great deal without becoming "military". 1 have to salute Swampy and his coll-eagues for the publicity they have gained for their causes; but I wait with interest to see if confrontational methods can achieve a fraction of the reforms to which the WI can lay

Yours faithfully, JENNY MOSŚ (County Chairman, Berkshire Federation of Women's Institutes). WI House, The Street, Mortimer Common. Reading, Berkshire.

Environmental cost of wind power

From the Chief Executive of the British Wind Energy Association

Sir. At the heart of the issue about the location of wind farms in the UK (report, May 20) lie the economics of electricity supply. The previous Gov-ernment's highly competitive policy of production at the lowest possible cost. apparently without regard to environmental considerations, has driven wind farms to the windiest locations often, but not necessarily, highly visible places.

This association seeks a national energy strategy that recognises both the environmental benefits and the total costs of all energy production and distribution. If the total costs of fossil fuels and nuclear power were reflected in the price paid by the consumer, renewable energy sources, in particular wind, would become by far the cheapest electricity available in the UK. This would enable a wider geographical distribution of wind farms, away from sensitive areas.

Yours faithfully, NICK GOODALL Chief Executive. British Wind Energy Association. 26 Spring Street, W2

From Mrs Susan J. Cross

Sir, Michael Hornsby's report, "Green energy campaigners see red over wind farm", illustrates that there is no way of trapping renewable energy without some cost. But surely the relevant question is how much cost? In the case of Rookhope Common in the North Pennines, the envi-

Capercaillie control

Sir, Magnus Linklater's report of May 10 suggested that the RSPB is putting the capercaillie at risk by

ceasing the control of foxes and crows

at its Abernethy Forest reserve, near

Grantown-on-Spey in Highland. We

cannot agree. Abernethy holds per-

haps 5 per cent of Scotland's 2,200

capercaillie, and the experiment we

are conducting will greatly clarify the conservation needs of the whole popu-

Scotland's capercaillies are indeed

in serious decline, but we are confident that our action will help, rather

than jeopardise the species. Since 1992

we have been carrying out a thorough

and careful experiment on the effect

that predation by foxes and crows has

on capercaillie productivity. We have

also improved the habitat for caper-

caillies, and pinewoods more gen-

erally, by removing some 39km of

deer lences (which kill large numbers

of birds), by reducing the pressure of

deer grazing and by enhancing

Improvements in capercaillie pro-

From the Director, Scotland.

of the Royal Society for the

Protection of Birds

ductivity and black grouse numbers on the reserve have resulted in the RSPB gaining second prize in the Laurent Perrier Awards for game conservation and being asked by government to act as joint lead partner with the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology in implementing the UK biodiversity action plan for the species.

ronmental, social and financial costs

There are, of course, other sources

of renewable energy beside wind tur-bines — among them wave power, photovoltaic cells, solar cells and bio-

mass; but I believe that the key to the problem lies in energy conservation. Superinsulation, draught-proof con-

struction, orientation to allow sun-light into buildings, energy-efficient electrical appliances — all these pro-

vide vital means towards this end.

Is it not time for a great resource-conscious public building to be com-

missioned by private or government

agencies, in order to display how ener-

gy can best be used in the next

East Horrington, Wells, Somerset.

Sir, Before large amounts of money

are expended on what will doubtless

turn out to be a succession of wind

farm confrontations, would it not be

more sensible for the Government to

carry out an efficiency audit on the

entire wind farm concept? It may well

turn out that the capital invested in

wind farms and the battles to resist

them would be more usefully spent in

subsidising the many energy-saving

schemes that are now available.

Yours sincerely,

HENRY THORESBY.

12 Wexford Road, SW12.

SUSAN J. CROSS,

Springfield House,

From Mr Henry Thoresby

May 21.

seem to me too great.

The improvements may be due to a range of factors, however. Only by reversing predator control will we be able to separate the impact of predation from the beneficial effects of habitat management and to offer the best Advice to owners and managers on the measures needed to save this splendid bird.

We shall be monitoring capercaillie numbers and productivity very carefully indeed.

If, as some predict, the experiment shows that predation significantly anects capercallile productivity at Abernethy, we will quickly reintroduce legal predator control.

Yours faithfully STUART HOUSDEN, Director, Scotland. The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. 17 Regent Terrace, Edinburgh 7.

icitors for their livelihood, can hear

appeals against "strike-outs" as dep-

uty judges: and in the county courts

practising solicitors, also sitting as

deputy judges, can preside over such

cases, despite a conflict of interest with

Solicitors' conduct should no longer

be accountable before the courts in

which they work or before barristers

Solicitors' conduct

From Mrs Elizabeth Gaskell Syms

plantation management.

Sir, Solicitor Arnold Rosen's call (letter, May 15) for Parliament to take the regulation of solicitors away from the Law Society must be commended. Even the Office for the Supervision of Solicitors has no statutory powers to deal with negligence and can only compensate victims for complaints up

Much of the supervision of solic-itors' conduct falls to the courts where many cases are dropped, not by a "dis-enchanted" Joe Public but struck out on the sole judgment of a member of the judiciary - a body raised in a culture of professional immunity. QCs, who are still dependent on sol-

will end at II.

whom they instruct for business, but be dealt with by an independent commission. In a constitutional service pecuniary penalties alone, however steep, are inadequate as a deterrent against misconduct.

Yours faithfully. E. N. GASKELL SYMS, 86 Victoria Road, Barnet, Hertfordshire.

solicitors' insurers.

Nursery places

From the Secretary of the Headmasters' and Headmistresses Conference

Sir. Many independent schools are disappointed that the Government has decided to phase out assisted places and, particularly, that such places in junior departments of schools which cover the 7-18 age range

The disappointment is partly because it will be more difficult for some schools to thrive, but principally because links will be loosened with families with low incomes. Such schools, usually former grammar schools, will have been providing education for children from all walks of life for centuries.

It was therefore pleasing, in this

context, to read ("Back to the nursery", Education, May 23) that, although the Government is also ending the nursery voucher scheme, it is encouraging local authorities to co-operate with the independent sector in finding nursery places for all four-year-olds.

I hope that such encouragement will be central to educational policy for all age groups. Independent schools have much to contribute to local communities and to boarding education. If local authorities seek to co-operate with independent schools in order to provide opportunities for young people, I am sure they will not

Yours faithfully, V. S. ANTHONY. Secretary, HMC, 130 Regent Road, Leicester. May 23.

IO and infidelity

From Professor Ray O. Davies

Sir, It is folk wisdom that sociological research merely confirms what we knew already; this is well supported by today's front-page report about the prevalence of adultery among the

To the man in the street, who. I'm sorry to say. Is a keen observer of life, The word 'Intellectual' suggests straight away A man who's untrue to his wife (W. H. Auden, New York Letter, 1941).

Yours faithfully, ROY O. DAVIES, 36 Springfield Road, Leicester.

department has enlisted Deep Blue?

Sir. Perhaps the use of an electronic gadget to solve a crossword is not so unfair (letters, May 17, 22).

Technical assistance

From Mr Hyman L. Calvert

Since the Kasparov affair (report. May 12) my success rate has plum-

meted. Can it be that the puzzle Yours sincerely, H. L. CALVERT. 61 Deansway, NZ

May 22

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -0171-782 5046.

Mothers at odds in Teletubbyland

From Mrs Amy Alexander-Church

Sir, I almost cannot believe what I read. As a parent of an II-month-old. and leader of a toddler group, I can tell you the real source of the problem with Teletubbies (reports, May 2h; Nigella Lawson, May 2l). The debate over the "dumbness" of the show is a ruse — it is the fact that it has replaced Playdays in the mid-morning sched-ule. The vicious row over tea and biscuits has pitted mothers of twoyear-olds against mothers of undertwos, because it is the mothers with babies who now get to have their cup of tea and relax at 10am.

In fact, I am enjoying writing this letter to the sounds of "haro" and "tubby custhtard" right this minute.

Yours sincerely.
AMY ALEXANDER-CHURCH. 38 Roseberry Road, NIO.

From Mrs Melanie Walker

Sir. Teletubbies, in my view, is a poor replacement for *Playdays* and *Play-*

My four-year-old daughter watches taped repeats of Playdays because they interest and challenge her. She loves Teletubbies but never asks to see them a second time. I wouldn't dream of not allowing her to watch them - I am not a flashcard, guilt-ridden mother - but in no way can they replace Playdays and Playbus, which combine endearing and humorous characters with educational content.

Yours sincerely. MELANIE WALKER, The Garden Lodge, Old Holbrook, Horsham, West Sussex.

From Mrs Sarah Crossing

Sir. Having just watched Teletubbies for the first time, I think it is quite the most enchanting children's pro-gramme I have seen in a very long

To the parents who are complaining that it is not educational, I have this to say: instead of expecting the television to babysit your child at 10am every weekday, why not switch it off and actually sit with your child and do something educational yourself. Now there's a thought.

Yours sincerely, SARAH CROSSING. The Station, White Lane, Ash Green, Aldershot, Hampshire.

From Mrs I. M. Hughes

Sir. I adore the Telefubbles — I always watch David Frost on Sunday mornings, but get up earlier in order to watch these intriguing little creatures. I think I like the mauve-suited one best. I would add that I am an octogenarian and ought to be ashamed of myself, but maybe I am in

my second childhood. Yours faithfully, I. M. HUGHÉS, Flat 3, Homeberry House,

Cirencester, Gloucestershire.

From Mr Alistair Birch Sir. I must defend the reputation of the children's TV character, Pingu. Saying Pingu "only squeaks" ("Bright young things who behave just like students". May 26) is akin to saying the Spice Girls just make noise. Pingu actually squeaks in fairly passable German (the muttered asides to his mother often being quite rude in character). There are few enough chances for young children to experience foreign languages without dubbing or subtitles, so long may he

Yours faithfully, ALISTAIR K. BIRCH, Danziger Strasse 138, D-10407 Berlin.

From Mr Albert Calland

remain on British screens.

Sir. After nearly three weeks of a new Labour Government the gap between the haves and the have nots continues to widen. Where can I get a Teletubbies T-shirt?

Yours faithfully. ALBERT CALLAND. 3 Forge Mill, Caton, Lancaster.

Too close for comfort?

From Dr Andrew Mott

Sir. In spite of the climate of increasing anonymity within the health service. I was heartened to have proof the other day that I am still a "family" doctor.

One of my patients informed me that, as she phones my surgery so frequently, she has added my number to her BT list of "Friends and Family" (letters, May 7, 13, 21).

Yours sincerely.
ANDREW MOTT. The Surgery, Torton Hill Road, Arundel, West Sussex.

From Mr D. T. Balcombe

Sir, For something meant to be the "Holiday of a Lifetime" my BT
"Friends and Family" reunion promises to be a taxing affair. I am told I shall be accompanied by the staff of a Manchester Inland Revenue office.

They always get you in the end. Yours faithfully. DAVID BALCOMBE, 142 Hallowell Road, Northwood, Middlesex

May 22.







COURT CIRCULAR

Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE May 27: The Princess Royal dus morning opened the Spar International Conference at Gleneagles Hotel and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Perth and Kinross (Sir David Montgom-

Her Royal Highness, Patron, the National Autistic Society, later opened Struan House School's cottage at 25 Alexandra Drive. Alloa, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Clackmannanshire (Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Stewart).

The Princess Royal. President, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council this afternoon visited Remploy Limited, Alloa Road, Causewayhead, Stirling, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Stirling and Falkirk (Colonel James Stirling of

Her Royal Highness, Patron, the Butler Trust, afterwards visited Cornton Vale Female Prison. Cornion Road, Shrling, CLARENCE HOUSE May 27: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, President of the

Victoria Cross and George Cross Association, was present at a Reception given this afternoon in St James's Palace. Mrs Michael Gordon-Lennox

and Sir Alastair Aird were in Mrs Michael Gordon-Lennox has succeeded the Huri Mrs

ST JAMES'S PALACE May 27: The Prince of Wales this morning re-opened the Priory Residential Nursing Home, Terbury, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Liculement of Gloucestershire (Mr Henry

Rhodes as Lady in Waiting to Her

His Royal Highness this after-noon gave a Reception for the British Polio Fellowship. THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

May 27: Princess Alexandra, accompanied by the Rt Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, this morning vis-ited the Vocational Development Centre for the Blind in Tokyo.

Her Royal Highness and Sir

Angus Opilvy later anended a

Reception given by the Invest in

Britain Bureau on board HMY Britannia for existing inward

This afternoon Princess Alexan dra and the Rt Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy were received by The Emperor and Empress of Japan at the Imperial Palace. Princess Sayako was also

Her Royal Highness and Sir Angus Ogilvy subsequently at-tended a Reception for British on board HMY Britannia.

Princess Alexandra and the Rt Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy this evening attended a Dinner given by Prince and Princess Tomohito of Mikasa.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales, as Patron, Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies will attend the patrons dinner at St James's Palace, at 8.30.

The Princess Royal will visit Macphie of Glenbervie, Glenbervie, at 10.30; will visit Maritime Rescue International. The Old Pier, Stonehaven, Kincardineshire at 11.50: will visit the Sea Cadet Hendquarters. Stonehaven. 81 12-30; will visit St Machars Academy, St Machars Drive, Aberdeen, at 1.15 and will open the Aberdeen Automated Processing Centre, Royal Mail. Wellington Circle, Altens, Aberdeen. at 3.00. Later, as President. Save the Children Fund, will attend a private Appeal Dinner at the Royal forthern and University Club, at

The Duke of Kent, as Patron, the Covent Garden Festival, will attend a performance of Handel's Ariodanie, at St Clement Danes at

Service dinner

RAF Club Dining Society Captain John Hutchinson was the guest of honour at a dinner held at the RAF Club last night. Air Commodore G.J.B. Claridge presided and Air Vice-Marshal L W.G. Gill also spoke.

Anniversaries

William Pitt the Younger, Prime Minister 1783-1801 and 1804-06, Hayes, Kent, 1759; Thomas Moore, poet, Dublin, 1779; Edvard Bones, President of Czechoslovakia 1935-48, Kozlany, 1884: Jan Fleming, novelist, creator of James Bond,

Luigi Boocherini, composer, Madrid, 1805; Henry Dundas, Ist Viscount Melville, statesman, Edinburgh, 1811; Noah Webster, lexicographer, New Haven, Connecticut, 1843; John Russell, 1st Earl Russell, Prime Minister 1846-52 and 1865-66, Richmond, Surrey, 1878; Sir George Grove, engineer and founder of the music die tionary bearing his name, London, 1900; John Lubbock, ist Baron. psychiatrist. Aberdeen, 1937; the Duke of Windsor, sometime King Edward VIII, reigned January 20, 1936 to December 11, 1936, Paris. 1972: Cardinal Stefan Wyszynski. Primate of Poland 1949-81, Warsaw, 1981: Eric Morecambe, com-

edian. Tewkesbury, 1984. The Spanish Armada set sail from Lisbon to invade England,

The first indoor swimming pool in England opened in London, 1742. The Mermaid Theatre opened in Puddle Dock, London, 1959. The British yachısman Francis

Chichester sailed into Plymouth after his solo circumnavigation of the world in Gypsy Moth IV, 1967.

Birthdays today

Professor John Aklerson, former

Chief Constable, Devon and Cornwall, 75: Mr Albert Booth, former MP, 69; Professor Patrick S. Boulter, former President of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. 70; Miss Faith Brown, impressionist, 50; Sir Gerald Cash. former Governor-General, The Bahamas, 80; Mr B.M. Davis, former chairman and chief exec-utive, Mobil Oil Company. 60: Sir Edward du Cann, former chairman, Lonzho, 73; Mrs Liz Edgar, thowjumper. 54: Sir Robert Evans. former chairman, British Gas, 70; Sir Reginald Eyre, former MP. 73; Mr Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau,

baritone, 72: Mr Sean French,

Lord Goold, 63; Dame Thora Hird, actress, 86; Mr N.C. Ireland, former chairman, BTR, 70: Miss Rachel Kempson, actress, 87: Mrs Tma Knight, founder, Nighthawk Electronics, SI; Professor György Ligeti, composer, 74; Mr C.A. McLintock, former chairman. Woolwich Building Society, 72: Six Patrick McNair-Wilson, former MP, 68: Viscount Melville, 60; Mr R.C. Miquel, former chairman, Belhaven, 66; Mr Ray Mitchell, larmer Governor, Durham prison, 54; Lord Justice Otton, 64: Mr Timothy Renson, former MP (life peer), 65; the Duke of Rusland, 78; Dr Charles Saumarez Smith, director, National Portrait Gallery, 43; Mr Edward Seaga, former Prime Minister of Jamaica, 67:

Mrs Helena Shovelton, chair, Nat-

ional Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux, 52: Mr Julian Shade, composer, 67: Miss Marie Staunnai, 45: Mr Richard Van Allan. opera singer, 62; Sir Gordon Wolstenholme, physician, 84.

University news

Darwin College

Cambridge

Elected into Research Fellowships from the dates shown: Schlumberger Interdisciplinary Research Fellow (June 1, 1997): Chris John Leslie Doran, (Physics)

Moses and Mary Finley Research Fellow (October 1, 1997): Heather Shore, (History) Charles and Katharine Darwin Research Fellow (October 1, 1997): Adrian Woolfson (Molecular

Biology Non-stipendiary Research Fellows (October 1, 1997): Andrew Ian Cooper (Polymer Synthesis): Edward Ho Khoon Teo (Applied Mathematics & Theoretical

Elected into Emeritus Fellowship from October 1, 1997: Derek Stanley Bendail

Gresham College

September 1, 1997.

The Most Rev Richard F Holloway, Bishop of Edinburgh and Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church, to be Greshar Professor of Divinity: Dr Lynette Hunter, Reader in Rhetoric at the University of Leeds, to be Gresham Professor of Rhetoric and Mr Stephen Pratt, Head of Music at Liverpool Hope Univer-sity College, and Miss Joanna MacGregor, Visiting Artist at Liverpool Hope University College, to be Joint Gresham Professor of Music, all with effect from

Princess takes flight back to limelight DIANA, Princess of Wales landed back in the limelight The Princess, on her first

yesterday — on board a royal nelicopter.

British visit outside London for 18 months, touched down in Leicester from a Royal Squadron helicopter, paid for out of the Royal Family's she formally opened the

Richard Attenborough Centre for Disability and the Arts at Leicester University or an official visit widely seen as relaunching her programme of official duties throughout The last time the Princess

ventured outside the capital on official business in Britain was in November 1995, when she visited Liverpool.

Yesterday she used the Royal Squadron and flew a royal standard as is her entitlement under the terms of her divorce settlement.

Lord Attenborough, who grew up in Leicester, said, Once she was a shy young woman who was suddenly thrown into a bear pit. Now you see her confidence, selfassurance and outgoing nature. Her confidence has returned. Two years ago, it was not there to be seen."

Inside the £2 million Richard Attenborough Centre, the Princess was introduced to students and staff and watched a performance of dance by people in wheel-chairs. In a studio for disabled people, she watched a blind man draw and paint.



A kiss for the Princess as Lord Attenborough. greets her on arrival at Leicester

Dragon's teeth bite into an idyll

By JOHN YOUNG

ON a fine spring day the ruins of Waverley Abbey, near Farnham, in surrey, the oldest Cistercian settlement in Britain, present an idyllic picture. But within sight of the walls are other grimmer and more

recent monuments. On the bank of the River Wey are rows of small concrete pyramids known as dragon's teeth, planted in 1940 to disable advancing German tanks. Overlooking them are pill-boxes which once housed the guns guarding the apmaches to Aldershot and London from the South Coast. They date from the summer of 1940 when invasion seemed imminent and Churchill declared that his

forgotten nightmare. Most of the defence structures have long since been razed or filled in. It was not until three years ago that the Council for British Archaeology belatedly surveyed what remnants could and should be preserved.

The survey was hampered by the belief that no written records existed. It was only last year that Colin Dobinson, while researching in the Public Record Office for a book on Guy Gibson, the Dambusters commander, discovered dozens of flies which showed that the anti-invasion measures were far greater and more centrally planned than had been thought.

Lines of trenches around the beleaguered people would de-fend their island whatever the the so-called GHQ line sur-horrors of war do not disapcost. Today it is an almost rounding the industrial heart-

land of England, mainly following rivers across which the bridges could be blown. London was surrounded by huge anti-rank ditches; in the last resort the bridges across the Thames would also be

wired for demolition. The emergency lasted for only a few weeks between Dunkirk and the end of the Battle of Britain. Those old enough to recall it may prefer not to but Dr John Schoffeld. an inspector of ancient monuments for English Heritage, the ... surviving : structures should be listed for preservation. "They are certainly not architectural masterpieces, But we need to ensure that

touchstones survive so that the

pear from memory."

The Victoria and George Cross Association

The Lord-Lieutenant of Greaner London and the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster attended a service of remembrance and re-dedication for the Victoria. Cross and George Cross Associ-ation held yesterday at St Martin-in-the-Fields.

The Rev Nicholas Holtam officisted, assisted by the Rev Dr C.E. Stewart, Director-General of the Naval Chaplainty Service, and Father Paul Owens, RAF, Colonel B.S.T. Archer, G.C. Chairman of the VC and GC Association, read the lesson and Colonel P.A. Porteous, VC. said the Act of

Remembrance.
The Bishop of Norfolk gave an address. The First Sea Lord was represented by Rear-Admiral Jeremy Band and the Chief of General Staff by Major-General Robin Short Among others

Robin Short. Among others present were:
The High Commissioner for New Zealand, the High Commissioner for New Zealand, the High Commissioner for South Africa and other members of the Diplomatic Corps, Air Chief Marshal Sir Richard Johns, and representatives of the Brigade of Gurthas, the Defence Services Secretariat, the Royal British Legion, the Royal Society of St George, the Indian Army Association, the Gallanty Medallist's Legion, the Far East Prisoners and Internets Fund. the Royal Naval Association, the Far East Prisoners of War Association, the Gallanty Medallist's Legion, the Far East Prisoners of War Association, the Gurtha Weifare Trust. the Tox Forgeriem" Association, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, the British Commonwealth Ex-Services Langue, RAMY, SOE AFE, the Union, Jack Club, the Victory Services Club, the London Fire & Civil Defence Authority, Si John Ambulance, the imperial War Museum, the Rafe Museum, the National Maridime Museum, the Cabinet Office (Caremonnal), the Central Chancery of the Orders of Rulphinood, the Annousers and Braster Company, Courts Bank, Schmoders, Hacoccies, members of the association, widows of pair, members and many other titlends of the seasociation,

Gardeners

The following have been elected officers of the Gardeners Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr RP. Franklin: Upper Warden, Mr J.F. Palmer: Renter Warden, Canon P.

Forthcoming marriages

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and Mire A.C. Gage
The engagement is announced
between George, eider son of Sir
Hugh and Lady Studiey, of Affeton
Court Fact Westington Confirm Castle, East Worlington. Crediton, Devon. and Amber, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs T.A.G. Gage, of Hamiltons, Withypool, Somerset.

Mr N. Fraser Ker

and Miss F.D.H. Davies The engagement is announced between Nigel, son of Mr and Mrs lan Fraser Ker, of Westcott, Dorking, Surrey, and Fenella, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Jake Davies, of St Stephens. Canterbury, Kent. Mr H.R. Godber

and Miss J. Smallman The engagement is announced between Henry Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Godber, of Macclesfield, Cheshire, and Jane, daughter of Mrs Margaret Smallman, and the late Mr John Smallman, of Smurbridge. West Midlands.

Mr P.L. Osborne
and Miss C.J. Warr
The engagement is announced
between Paul, elder son of Mr
and Mrs Jack Osborne, of Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, and Charlotte, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs Peter Warr, of Tillord,

Mr P. Phillips and Miss K.A. Heron The engagement is amounced between Paul, younger son of Rev and Mrs Colin Phillips, of Rugely, Staffordshire, and Katie, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Heron, of Muswell Hill, London.

Mr P.H. Read

and Miss N.J. Weller
The engagement is announced between Peter, only son of Captain Keith Read, CBE, and Mrs Sheila Read, of London and Rome, and Nicola Jane, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs Robin Weller, of Clifton,

Church news

Canon John Oates, Rettor, St Brides, Picet Street, w Bridewell and Gough Square, and Area Dean of the City of London: to be also a Prebendary of St Paul's Cathedral (London).

The Rev Donald Reece: Home Secretary to the Council for Chris-tian Unity, Church House, West-minster: to be the Incumbent St Stephen w St Thomas, Shephends Bush (London).

The Rev David Rhodes, Vicar, Mortonley, Sheffield: to be also Warden for Lay Evangelists (Sheffield):

The Rev Chick Robertson, for-merly Priest-ba-charge, St John's Episcopal Church, Melbourne, Blorida (Episcopal Church of the USA): to be Assistant Curate (NSM). Estr and Hamatells (W Langier Park) (Ducham)

Camon John Saunders, Priest in charge St Margaret, Horsmanden (Rochester) and SE Area Secretary of the South American Missionary Society: to be Visit: St Mark. Gillingham (Rochester).

The Rev Eric Shegog. Diocesan Director of Communications: to be also a Prebendary of St Paul's Cathedral (London) The Rev Robert Simpson, Vicar,

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The Rev Dr Inn Stockton, Local Ministry Officer in the diocese of Lincoln: to be Team Rector. Monlowearmouth Team Ministry

The Rev Elizabeth Anson, Assis tunt Curate, Kimberworth, Rotherham (Sheffield): retired April 20. The Rev Anthony Bartlett, Rector, Hendon (Durham): to resign on

health grounds.
The Rev Eric Ford, Chingford, St Edmund (Cheimsford): to retire August 31. The Rev John Pennington, Vicar,

m retire June 12 and Priest-In-charge, Little Samplord w Great Samplord (Chelmsford): to redre August 31.

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Engania.

SEECH - On May 23rd at The Portland Scoppint, to Julian and Caroi, a daughter, Georgia, a sister for Delay.

ERADY - On May 19th at The Fortland Hospital, to Terence and Clare, a beautiful son, Sensuel Finn.

The DOCATA - On May 21st at The Portland Hospital, to Madeleine and Howard, a son, jack, a brother for Luc.

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son, jack, a brother for Lec.
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CEDERGREN. On May 22nd at
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joachim Srig.
de FRAINE - To Steve and
Nikki, in Barnet General
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George Richard Tiger Bevan,
who arrived safely on 22nd
May 1997.
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May 1997.

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in brother for Banjalia crows for Banisha

CRAVELL On May 23rd to
Pascale (new Sevents) and
James, Chloc and Adeline,
twin staters for Charlotte
and Securities

MELLOW - On 20th May at RSCH Guildford, to Anne (nee Craze) and Tim, a daughter, Cella Anne. RANKIN - On 25th May 1997 at Chalus and Wastelman Hospital, to Phillips (nee Sharp) and Harry, a daughter, Florence Isabella Rose, a sister for Oliver and Hospital

Encerd.

READ - On 22nd May, to Clare
(née Attenborough) & Mick, a
son, Hugo Justin Philip.

REBBINK - On May 24th at The
Purland Hospital, to Niembe
(née Van Dea Hoek) and
Alexander, a daughter, Eva
Thor Charlotte.

Moor Charlette.

The Portland Hospital, to Jonathan and Caron, a daughter, Lauren Elizabeth, a dream come cras.

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Carol (née Wattina) and
David, a daughter, Olivia
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and family would like to thank most sincerely all relatives, friends, neighbours and collesgoes for the kind appearations of sympathy and domations for the East Cheshire N.H.S. Trust, (Knutsford District Nutses), received in memory of Eric. Special thanks to the Rev. Canon NIL Rogers for his sincere Ministrations, and to all those who and to all those who

DEATHS

AGES - Lo see E3 on key 24th in hospital. Whilew of Dr. Dannis Barber and much loved monthey, gandmother and great-grandmother. I main a State Lodsworth on Friday May 30th at 4.30 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if dayed is 31 fee. Court. Lodsworth, co W. Bryder & Sous Funeral Directors, Tillington, Fetworth, W. Sussen, (01798) 342174.

BELLONI - Stephen Arthur, known as Mr Bell, late of Norman Hartnell. Beloved husband of Jeogualine and father of Jesmine, died peacefully surrounded by family at home on 13th May. Cremation bold 25th May.

BOWMER - Jesale Jean. On 23rd May 1997 aged 88 years, peacefully at the Casis East Home, Whitnash, Leamington Spa. Dear wife of Richard, much leved mother of Judy, Sue and Funny, and guandmother of Edward and Peter. Funeral Service at Combroke Church, as, Warwick, on Friday chi, inc. Warwick, on Friday chi, June at 2.30 pm. Family illowest only. Donations if deglard to Myson Hospica, Warwick.

peacefully at home on 23rd May. Funeral 10 am hune 2nd, 5t Andrew's Church, Swavesey. Family flowers only please.

DEVERELL - Clive Frederick, suddenly at home on 22nd May 1997 after a long illness borne with great fortitude and dignity. Much beloved kunband of Angelica, deatest brother of Gloria, knownies son-la-law of George and Daphne. Fynessi for family and close friends at Mortlake Cremetorium on Monday 2nd June at 3.30 pm. Donations, if desired, to importal Cancer Fund or Letterine House Hospits c/o Chelsea Funeral Directors, 260B Fulham Road, SWIO SEL Memorial Letterine to be aurounced later.

DEATHS

PORTRESTER - Amounts. Durling with of Nory, cherished and sedered mother of Xander, Milly and Chlore, most appecial grampy to Tom, Archie and Jack and best closest and beloved thinout to us all, peacefully at house in Heall on Sunday 25th May 1997. Atthough a light has gone out in our hearts and minds, smiling, laughting and lowbay us. Private family cremation and a service in Mull to say thank you for fear life, in early July. No flowers but do sand a teastion to a checking of your choice if you wish.

MARRIL - Jean Pearl (nóe Catchpole) pencarully in her along aged 76 on Teneday 20th May. Widow of Semand, dearly loved mother of David and Anne and gazadmether of Liam and Jaime. Will be safity mineral frament at St John's Church, Siderp, on Monday 2nd June at I pen-All are welcome. Family flowers only please, but douglions if desired to Oxfam. Enquiries to Anne

MARREY - Suddenly on 26th May 1997 in France, Andrew David, Genry loved son of Shelia and David, beloved flance of Sophie Smith, imster of Fee, Alies and Rhona, uncle of Dozald, Margaret, Cons. Rego and Miss. The Festia and Emissy families extend their deepest thanks to friends and family for their fow and support.

Featral arrangements per to be support. Funeral arrangements yet to be confirmed Courter funeral Director Lines & Bannister, Aucot, (01344) 20266.

24th May 1997 after 3 years bravely fighting cancer. Seloved wife of the late Harry and adored mother of Gooffrey, Robert and Impensive to be held at France 20th May 1997 at 2pm. All enquiries to Thomas Laggett tel: (01420) 488896

HARVEY - On May 23rd, reddenly at the Kent and Sussex Hospital, Keith Evelyn, aged 65. Leaves behind a loving family. Cremation on Friday 6th June at 2 pm at the Tunbridge Wells Exeminan Enquires to 2. Hickmott & Son. Tab. (01872) 522462.

HOBBS - William Reginald, died pencefully on May 23rd aged 90 years. Seloved husband of Freds (deceased) and dearest father of Emrice. Regines to Pencelly Ferminal Services, Seltmen. Tek 01752 848638.

MANUS - Mary Elleabeth aged 67 of Charlton Kings, Chaltenham, retiped District Nursing Sister, devoted companion of Mary Genet and much loved sister to Michael, Philip, lengther and Christopher, died peacefully is ber sleep at home on I tiesday, 27th Mary 1997 after a long Diness because with great fortifude and counage. Funeral Service at 81 Mary's Church, Charlton Kings on Monday, 2nd June 12.30 pm followed by cremation at Cheltenham Cramstudum No forewas by sequest Densitions if desired to Macmillan Cancer Relief - Enter Appeal clo 22 Park Laue, Earls Colne, Colchester, COS 281.

MOTHANS - On Sunday 25th May 1997, puscabilly in her 90th year, Jocalyse Many Emms, daughter of Frederick, 6th Lord Hethans. Chimption private. A Service of Thunkapiring will be held at 5t Leonard's Church Dennies days Statutes - Book (Bir

Ges). Such loved mother of Robin and Candida and grandmother of Peter, Julius and Tomass. Died perceivally at terms often a short (Desan on May 23rd. Service at Peters Vals Crematorium at 3 pin May 30th.

LAVBOURH - Kenneth of Gilling West, North Yorkshire, died May 23rd aged 88 years, Dendy loved father, production, private Buriel of Ashes at 92 Agaths's, Gilling, Saturday June 7th at 2.30 pm. Dunations if which is The Children's Society. MATTERES - Berral Celley, peacefully at Upton Leigh Residential Home, Chelmoham, on May 26th, and Erystell Peggy and by his suppower and mapped by his late reggy and by his suppower and miscess and their children, Fennesia Sortice w Cheltonham Crematochus on Honday 2nd Iuna at Monday 2nd Iuna at

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Hodges - Hanry W.M.

Emeritus Professor of Comentration Professor of Comentration of Act, Queen's University, Kingston, Outquis Secretary General, International Institute for Comentation 1985-94. Data May 19th 1997. A Service of Thankspiring for his life will be hald at St. Bartholomew's Church, Enrichalt of Thankspiring for his life will be hald at St. Bartholomew's Church, Enrichalt on Thursday June 5th at 230pm. No flowers please.

Enquiries to Funeral Directors, C Waterhouse & Sons, High Street, Berteal Directors, C Waterhouse & Sons, High Street, Berteal, Tai Noc 01435 882219.

MOLMES - May Elhabeth aged

MOBRAN - Gleny: Mary of Lindrynch, Indian, Wils of the late Rev. George Rex. Morgan, dear mother of Jonathan and Hickolass. Pureral Service 230 pm. Policy 30th May at Chief College Chapel, Brecon, followed by private interswert at 5t Bryanch's Cech Limbynch hooling flowers only please, demodern to demod for USK House, Erecon et LAECH, I Lica Street, con. clo AV. German & Sou, Funeral Directors, Felinfach, Brecon, tel: (01874) 624222.

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SAHSON - Mabel, pescetully on May 16th to join her husband Charles, her eider daughter Gillian and her husband B'ela and her younger daughter Carel. Much loved by her grahdsons Andrew and Michael, their families and all her friends, Funeral Service at Holy Cross Church, Searsted, at 11 am on Monday 2nd june 1997. Panally Revers only please, but doubtlom to Kent Minsie School Senson Fand may be sent of Michael A Lawrence Fancas Disectors, 93 King Street, Maidstone, tel: (01622) 661678.

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ydney Bidwell devoted a large part of his political life to the struggle against racism. He introduced a Bill to outlaw marches which could be described as racist and he worked to exempt Sikhs from wearing safety helmets. After Enoch Powell's notorious 1968
Birmingham speech — Bidwelt
described it as "awful and bloody" —
he organised demonstrations to

counter Powellite marches by dockers and meat porters. His activities even resulted in attacks on his home. But, ironically, he lost his Commons

seat as a result of a deselection process which had elements of racism. Bidwell, who had long pleaded for more Asian MPs, was replaced by Piara Khabra, a retired Sikh schoolteacher. There were allegations of irregularities by both Bidwell and another unsuccessful candidate for the nomination, the Asian Valerie Vaz, with proceedings reaching the High Court, but Khabra was eventually endorsed by Labour's National Executive Committee.

Bidwell then stood against Khabra at the 1992 election as a True Labour candidate but came in third after the Conservatives in second place, polling only 4,665 votes against Khabra's 23,476. Bidwell lost not only the election. He also lost his Labour Party membership. Expulsion was automatic after standing against the official Labour man.

Bidwell was born in Southall, educated at Southall elementary schools and represented his Southall constituents with conspicuous industry. His political misfortune was that Southall changed. By the time of his deselection, just over half the area's population was made up of non-white ethnic groups, mostly Indian.

The theory that occasional conflict between Hindus and Sikhs was an argument for continued white representation, particularly by a noted antiracist, did Bidwell little good. Khabra, in fact, had no difficulty in being renominated in 1997, and retained the seat at the general election earlier this

month with another big majority. Bidwell himself was an unreconstructed Marxist. Stalinism disillu-



sioned him with the Soviet Union and he joined the Trotskyist Revolutionary Communist Party. Though he later moved to the Labour Party, he remained a resolute leftwinger.

He was nevertheless popular on both sides of the House and recognised as a man devoted to his class and constituents. Indeed, on one occasion John Major, speaking as Prime Minister,

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leftwinger, and the then powerful Communist faction would not back a one-time Trotskvist. As a result, when he eventually became an MP he was sponsored not by his own union but by the Transport Workers' Union. After 20 years on the railways he

The right thought him a dangerous

switched careers to become a tutor/organiser for the National Council of Labour Colleges, which offered trade unionists and other political activists a number of specialised courses in working-class education. It provided lectures as well as correspondence courses and Bidwell organised these activities with enthusiasm throughout London and the Home Counties.

Bidwell's mind turned to a political career and he stood for Labour unsuccessfully in East Herts in 1959 and South-West Herts in 1964. His time came, however, in 1966 when he won his home seat of Southall in succession to George Pargiter. In the House Bidwell specialised.

unsurprisingly, in transport matters and served for many years on the allparty Select Committee on Transport. He was also elected vice-chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party's Transport Committee. He found a natural home in the Tribune Group where he was chairman in 1974-75.

All left-wing causes found in him an instinctive supporter. He opposed the Wilson-Castle plan for union reform, he defended the jailed Shrewsbury Six pickets, attacked the Special Patrol Group and voted for the Heffer-Meacher ticket in the leadership elections in 1983. Towards the end of his parliamentary career he made partial peace with the Communists, saying his differences with them were "negligi-

In retirement Bidwell never became bitter. He continued his work against racism, visiting Asian religious cere-monies in his former constituency. treasuring the ceremonial sword he was awarded at the Golden Temple in Amritsar and applying successfully for readmission to the Labour Party. He was a keen amateur painter and cartoonist who had helped to organise Commons exhibitions of the works of

Sydney Bidwell is survived by his wife Daphne and their son and

SIR CYRIL ENGLISH

Sir Cyril English. educationist, died on May II aged S5. He was born n April 19, 1912.

IN THE course of a distinguished career in education Sir Cyril English was successively both Senior Chief Inspeciar for Schools and Director-General of The City and Guilds of London Institute. Cyril Rupert English was

educated at Northgate School, Ipswich. He trained as a mechanical engineer, working before the war as an engineering designer and as a technical teacher. He served in the Royal Navy as an engineer officer from 1939 to 1946, starting with several years at sea and ending on the staff of the Engineer-in-Chief at the Admiralty, concerned with the development of new schemes for training: he left the Navy with the rank of lieutenantcommander.

He was then appointed HM Inspector of Schools as a technical (engineering) spe-cialist in 1946. In the next twelve years, he was able to further his interests in engineering education and training through a number of regional appointments and, in 1958, he was promoted to Chief Inspector with national responsibility for vocational further education (in technical and commercial subjects and in art). In 1965 he became Senior Chief Inspector, responsible for HM Inspectorate of Schools covering all

fields of education. During his time with HM Inspectorate, he had gained a unique insight into the working of technical colleges providing courses based on City and Guilds schemes and of students preparing for City and Guilds assessments. He had, in fact, been closely associated with City and Guilds for some twenty years as a member of its senior committees, including the Examinations Board. In 1968 he was invited by the Institute to become its Director-General. He was to continue in that rule for eight years, during a period of rapid change and transition in technical educa-

From the outset, English made clear his determination that the range and quality of City and Guilds services to education and to industry should be second to none. His leadership resulted in considerable change to and development of the examination techniques and procedures used by City and Guilds; he encouraged the adoption of sophisticated tests, for instance, and the development of new assessment compo-

His approach was characteristically robust and down to earth, with a vigorous emphasis on the assessment of practical performance. He championed the cause of

young people whose talents lay in the vocational rather than the academic sphere and who consequently might have received less than an adequate share of educational resources.

He was a member of the James Committee of Inquiry into Teacher Education and Training, and his own distinguished contribution to education and training was recognised when he was knighted in the New Year's Honours of 1972. He received honorary doctorates from Brunel, Loughborough and the Open Universities.

He retired as Director-General of City and Guilds in 1976. He was careful to ensure that the activities of City and Guilds were placed on a sound financial basis to enable it to continue as politically and financially independent.

Cyril English leaves a widow and two sons.

never progressed in it. MOHAMMED FADHIL JAMALI

Mohammed Fadhii Jamali, former Prime Minister of Iraq and last. surviving signatory of the Charter of the United Nations, died to Trees on May 24 aged 94: He was born in Baghdad on

FORTUNATE not to lose his life in the 1958 revolution in Iraq, which overthrew the Royal Family, and resulted in his being sentenced to death. Arab nations: impatience with

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Fadhil Jamali was lucky enough to have his sentence commuted and to be allowed to leave the country. He had served as trag's Prime Minister in the 1950s, and as Foreign Minister had been an influen-tial figure at the United Nations in its eariv"

Jamali was of the elite student generation at the end of the First World War who inherited what they thought would be fully independent

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continuing Western control accompanied their work in government service to build the modern infrastructure of their countries. At the end of the Second World War they were the national leaders who had to address the issues of israel, of relationships with the new Arab League, and of the Cold War. Their Arab ambitions often sat uneasily with their respect for Western

civil institutions. For Jamali,

these two elements became

suffused in a broad and inclusive interpretation of Islam.

offered him congratulations from the

On leaving school at the age of 14

Sydney James Bidwell became a van

boy with the old Great Western

Railway and graduated to becoming a

shunter and a guard. But though he

devoted a considerable part of his life to

the National Union of Railwaymen he

front bench on his 75th birthday.

His father was a Shia scholar attached to the mosque of Al-Kazimain, a centre of Shia learning. By 1921, when Faisal of Arabia was installed by the British as King of ITag; U was already teaching. He was one of the first group sent abroad to study at the American University of Beirut.

As a child he had grown up in a narrow Shia environ-

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ment, with a few cautious encounters with Sunni neighbours. In Beirut his world view was exploded by student talk with Muslims, Jews and Christians of the many denominations found in the

maintaining personal friendship and respect amid political animosity. For the rest of his life he was convinced that cooperation with the People of the Book was essential for world order.

Further studies for a doctorate at Columbia University, New York, brought a wider range of friends, including Tagore. In Chicago he met his future wife, Sarah Powell. Her faithful care was to sustain him through years of public life and political imprisonment in Iraq and more than three decades of exile. Her concern for mentally handicapped children, their first son among them, led to pioneer projects in Iraq and later Tunisia.

in 1943, after ten years as Director of Education, Jamali moved to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs where for 15 vears he was prominent in Iraqi policy. In 1954 he was briefly Prime Minister.

As Foreign Minister in 1945 he represented his country in San Francisco where the constitution of the United Nations was written and signed. Jamali served on the committee drafting the provisions for the Security Council. He and other small power representatives resisted the proposed Great Power Veto as likely to hamper the new organisation. Warned by Anthony Eden, "No veto, no United Nations", they reluctantly gave way. He was also on the Trusteeship Committee dealing with the emergent nations. In 1950 he played a prominent part in the UN commission which se-



cured promises of autonomy for Eritrea within a federated Ethiopia.

In 1955 a conference of independent states of Asia and Africa was called in Bandung. Indonesia, with Nehru, Nasser and Chou En-lai being the leading figures. The meeting was supposed to be nonaligned. Jamali spoke out strongly against the "new colonialism" of the Communist bloc, likening it to Western imperialism. His speech was a bombshell and drew a sharp reaction from Chou En-

Jamali appealed to universal values. "If we want the world to turn into one integral camp, with no Eastern or Western camps," he said, "we must work on the basis of moral rearmament, whereby all races and nations, with clear hearts and no rancour or hatred, approach each other with humility, admit our own mistakes and work for mutual harmony and peace." discussions were heated, the

conclusion of the conference being that "colonialism in all its manifestations is an evil that must swiftly be brought to

an end". In 1958 the young King Faisal II. the Crown Prince and General Nuri al-Said engineered by Brigadier-General Abdal-Karim Kassem. Jamali was jailed under sentence of death. But in 1961 the many representations from world leaders, including Nehru. Dag Hammarskjold and Pope John XXIII as well as Arab rulers, secured his release. At the invitation of President Bourguiba of Tunisia he went to Tunis and was appointed Professor of the Philosophy of Education at the university there.

The first of his many books. Letters on Islam, written in prison to his student son, was published in 1965. At international gatherings such as the General Islamic Conference held in Mecca in 1965 (where he headed the Cultural Comminee) and his yearly participation in Moral Rearmament assemblies in Switzerland, he was a tireless advocate of "one humanity".

Jamali had suffered deeply from his Government and would not condone its cruelty. But he lamented the scale of destruction of the Gulf War. comparing it with the clemency shown to other transgressors against UN resolutions. He felt that Britain in earlier years had obstructed a fair semlement of the Iraq-Kuwait issues. Fierce in polincal debate until the end, he radiated to his wide range of friends the warmth and humour of a convivial patriarch.

Honours were showered on Jamali by, among others. Germany, Jordan, Morocco, Taiwan and the Vatican. His wife Sarah and three sons survive him.

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SHEERNESS, May 27 The Princess Irene, one of the Canadian Pacific liners taken over by the Admiralty shortly after the outbreak of war, was destroyed in Sheerness Harbour to-day as the result of an internal explosion.

How the disaster occurred will probably never he known as all who were on board he wessel at the time perished. In addition to the crew, between 70 and 80 workmen belonging to the Chief Constructor's Department, Sheerness Dockyard, were at work on board the

ship which was undergoing a refit.

The force of the explosion which occurred about II.14 am was terrific. Windows were shattered and ceilings fell several miles away. Eye-witnesses state that flames rose to a height of at least 300ft, there being two pillars of flame with intervals of a few seconds between them, accompanied by dense clouds of white smoke. The smoke hung like a pall for several minutes over the spot where the Princess frene had been moored, and when it dispersed it was seen that the liner was no more - only pieces of floating débris

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The death roll in this unexplained disaster was more than 250, including the crew and all the workmen who were on board the ship carrying out a refit.

remained. Assistance was immediately ren-dered from both Sheerness and Chatham Duckyard and from vessels in the neighbourhood, and several bodies were picked up. In a marsh near by the gold stripes from the sleeve of a lieutenant's jacket had fallen on the body

of a seaman. Several men on board vessels movied in the river were injured by the debris. One of the coaling auxiliaries lost a crane, which was shaken out of its fittings into the sea by the force of the explosion. Part of a boiler in the

liner fell on a vessel half a mile away There have been distressing scenes outside the dockyard gates, where relatives gathered to await the list of names of the dockyard employees who were working in the vessel. AN OFFICER'S ACCOUNT OF THE DISASTER.

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

CHATHAM, May To I am sold that, with the possible exception of two men, the whole of the crew of about 500. addition to the dockyard workmen on board, were killed by the explosion in the Princess Irene. Places 10 miles to the south-west were covered with falling fragments and there were indeed some cases of personal injury in the neighbourhood of Sittingbourne.

An officer who was on board a vessel only a few hundred yards from the Princess frene at the time of the accident gave me a very clear description this evening of what he saw. He was on the Sheerness side of the vessel, and, as the wind was blowing strongly in the opposite direction, he was able to see the great explosion without being involved in it. He tells me that the noise of the explosion at close quarters was the most extraordinary experience of his life. The Princess Irene seemed to be hurled into the air a mile high in 10,000 fragments, and he could distinctly make out the forms of men amidst the flying wreckage and the great cloud of smoke. The end of the vessel was appallingly sudden and complete.

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Messiahs, morals and the meaning of life

BRENDA

having known Martin Bell before he left the BBC and became an MP, I could not join the rumours sweeping the big tent at the Hay-on-Wye Literary Festival last weekend. But I could tell in an instant that the "journalism of attachment" preached by the new Member for Tatton was a philosophy designed for one. Bell has done the right thing by becoming a politician. He now has an elected right to preach on making the world a better place.

That is not the reporter's job. What Bell has been arguing — that the journalist covering genocide or a massacre cannot remain impartial — is hardly as bold an idea as he makes out. Of course, journalists cannot simply step over the wounded after describing their injuries. Bell in Bosnia was a special case; having seen deliberate genocide, he felt he could not observe the BBC's dictum of even-handedness. Yet kate

Adie made no pretence of detachment at Tiananmen Square and won only admiration for the BBC. Ironically, she drew far more criticism for appearing "too foren-sic" in her reporting of Dunblane. Most journalism is not morally that easy. There is generally little choice but to report both sides of messy chaos. Bell declares that journalists should not be mere mirrors. But mirrors have their uses, American executions require MADDOX witnesses. The reporters who saw a condemned man set on fire by

Florida's faulty electric chair did not need to agonise about their duties. They reported what they saw and Florida has now shut down (temporarily) its defective device. By what canon does a reporter turn

preacher? Long service may be sufficient. Having seen so much and been trusted for so long may bestow the right to tell the venal from the righteous. When Walter Kronkite pronounces that American television networks are trivialising news, he deserves to be listened to - as Bell does in his Radio 4 who package and deliver it are irresponsible to work on the principle of giving the audience the news it wants, or "the news relevant to their own lives". Their duty is to give the news that is far removed from the daily life of the audience and explain why it is relevant.

What makes people squirm now about Bell is that he is using his fame, bought with their licence fees, to make himself a moralist. Like Othello, he expects us to love him for the dangers he has passed, and he keeps reminding us of them. He has become indelibly a politician: predictable, repetitive. risible. These are the last dangers that await any working reporter, even an out-and-out polemicist such as John Pilger.

The strongest argument against the jour-nalism of attachment was well put to Bell at

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e's changed! He's changed!" Not Hay-on-Wye by fellow veteran on foreign wars Nik Gowing, ex-TTN, now of BBC World Service Television. Commitment devalues journalism, making it less trustworthy.

It also makes it more dangerous. The reason why journalists can go to war zones is that they are accepted as neutrals, like the Red Cross. Their safety depends on this - a fact recognised by organisations dedicated to the protection of journalists, which advise that journalists should avoid wearing anything that smacks of a military uniform.

It is hardly surprising that a hattlefield superstar such as Bell should translate a telly face into votes. Ronald Reagan became President of the United States on weaker credentials. But the two have a lot in common. The ability to deliver one-liners is not something that comes naturally to your ordinary political hopeful. You have to be carefully taught. What worries me is the way

in which familiarity breeds respert. Because we see them on the screen, we take their advice.

There was another television evangelist, so to speak, at Hay last weekend: Trevor McDonald of ITN. What a shock to see him in a T-shirt! Why did I think that morning, noon and night, and Bank Holidays, too, he would wear the same coat and tie that he wears on News at Ten. Because newsreaders are icons, expected to be as unchanging as brand labels. McDonald is a public moralist,

too: the leader of the Campaign for Better English. He is, to be sure, superhumanly modest. Yet he, too, is using his public persona to tell us how to live better lives.

Like Bell, he embodies what he preaches that speaking correct and well-articulated English, in his case, can raise you from humble origins to the top. In the nicest possible way, he dismisses "ebonics" or any other kind of local dialect. If young people want to have wider horizons than the neighbourhood into which they were born, he advises, they should learn to use the language well. Diction and grammar mat-

I did say, didn't I, that these two figures were speaking at a literary festival. They were there ostensibly as authors. But it is a fact that they outshone established writers such as Harold Pinter and David Lodge, who also had a thing or two to say about the meaning of life.

There was a lesson here, like it or not. The search for a new president of Harvard was once described to me as a quest for a "messiah with a pleasant speaking voice". It now seems that our quest for leaders leads to the telly screen. Our moralists are those with pleasing faces and well-modulated tones, brought to us against the background of the world's hideous events. That is what I call

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DAVID MCGRATH

Whose finger on Labour's media button?

A 'classy party machine' has moved in, says Valerie Elliott

Pritain's new ministers want a clear political message in their policy announcements and are turning to the Labour Party machine to help them. Where civil servants once fulfilled the role, key Labour staff now provide briefing material and arrange media interviews.

The move appears set to put the party press team on colli-sion course with the Government Information Service. which employs some 300 staff in Whitehall, because it effectively blurs the roles between

the two groups.
Senior Whitehall officials are keeping a close eye on developments, but believe the situation will settle down as ministers feel more comfortable in their departments and the legislative programme bites in the Commons. Others believe they are learning new tricks from what they openly acknowledge is "an extremely

classy party machine". Before the election, how ever, senior Labour sources had floated the idea of political appointees being placed in press offices around Whitehall to offer the sharper. harder political message. So far this has only taken place in the 10 Downing Street press office itself, where Tim

Allan and Hilary Coffman, former press officers for Tony Blair's Opposition office, have been recruited on a special adviser basis.

Downing Street has also asked the party press operation at Milibank Tower to provide them with daily media bolletius and provide briefing material on a range of policy

The Labour Party press team are relaxed by the situation and believe they are filling a vacuum in departments: They are making them-

selves available to ministers to help with party political speeches, press releases and to place and prepare them for high-profile television and radio interviews.

They are determined to evolve a happy medium of working with civil servants to drive forward the centralised, highly focused government message which is being demanded by Alastair Campbell, the political press secretary at No 10, and Peter Mandelson, Minister without Portfolio, in charge of government presentation.

One Labour source said: "Many officials weicome our involvement. They are happy to have the division between the party political spin and the government line. But all this has to be decided on an ad hoc But a government source

said: Two sets of people handling ministerial business is a recipe for complete chaos. I think there is confusion on what is departmental and what is political. Departments are completely used to handling highly contentious issues. But the party might think that something highly contentious is political, which it is not.



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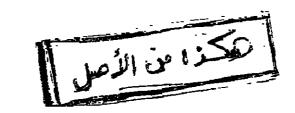
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UNCERTAIN times at The CNCERTAIN times at The Guardian where the Editor Alan Rusbridger has been holding a series of meetings to decide deciding what to do with his team of specialists. Staff are being invited to discuss with the home desk and Deputy Editor Georgina Henry whether the time has come for a change of special come for a change of specialism or a stint on the backbenches". Many claim fear is coursing through the news-room as hacks wait to hear their fate. A voluntary redun-dancy scheme is to be put in operation although there will be no sackings. A anonymous fax to The Times complains that some "seem unlikely to be offered any substantial alter-native role but to join the ever-growing ranks of reporters left to rot in the hope that boredom drives them out."

Mr Rusbridger, however, insists this is nonsense. "We have a new Labour Government where there are new priorities ... and we have to look at portfolios to see wheth-er they are still the same or have the same relevance." he said, adding that the consult-ation process was "a completely genuine exercise. There is a bit of insecurity, with people waiting to see if they are going to be moved, but I don't believe there is general low

Bright idea

EVER on the look out for a good confrontation, TV host



idea while enjoying a day out here is no more the picture to newspapers in the Windsor Horse Show haunting image of the United States. Even when with Harrods owner Moham the Gulf War than the picture was finally pubed Al Fayed. Kilroy-Silk decided it would make jolly good television to have the new Judy and Richard of the showbiz world, Nell and Christine Hamilton, coming face to face with their bete noire Al Fayed on his show. Tragically, desperate though the Hamiltons are for a TV career, the idea has been rejected by both par-ties. A Kilroy insider said: "We live in hope."

Bra casualty

WONDERBRAS have become the latest casualty of the newly merged ad agency

Since adland's most famous adman, Trevor Beattie, departed for GGT, the tights company Pretty Polly and the National Canine Defence



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Wonderbra: agency change

League (remember Toys Aren't Us?) have taken their accounts elsewhere. Now Wonderbra has followed suit, leaving the now named TBWA Simons Palmer rather

Puns purged

EXECUTIVES at The Express have been hit with a no-non-sense memorandum outlining the shortfalls of their product. Hackneyed journalism is most definitely out.

"One form of linguistic Black Death that has swept The Express in recent years is the weak pun, says Editor Richard Adios Addis. Only if a pun registers ten on the Richter scale of wit should it

he allowed into the paper."
He goes on to criticise even the mighty Daily Mail, his former employer. "It does have weaknesses - one of which is that it occasionally feels like a woman's magazine." he ventures, adding that a Mail foreign hack recently commented that after reading it he had to buy another paper to find out what the news was.



A picture of despair ... Harold Evans selected this image of a grieving widow as a personal favourite. He believes that it epitomises the tragedy of Cyprus. Today, photographs of equal power are still being published

The power of the picture

Is it ever justifiable to censor a newspaper picture? Brian MacArthur meets Harold Evans, master of photo-journalism

the picture Kenneth Jarecke - seen right - of the charred corpse of an Iraqi soldier. It is the most shocking photograph pub-lished in a British newspaper since the Vietnam War. Readers were outraged when it was published in *The Observer* in 1991. It was so memorable, so horrifying that when it was transmitted by Associated Press a New York editor censored it and refused to wire

Yet it is this picture, which raises profound questions about editorial judgment, which dominates the introduction by Harold Evans to a new edition of Pictures on a Page, his classic textbook of photojournalism now updated (in association with Edwin Tay-lor) for a new generation of aspiring journalists (Pimlico,



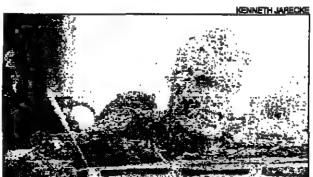
Lacking impact . . . an image first presented to picture editors



Improved ... the same picture cropped by the Telegraph



Total impact . . . the picture cropped by Harry Evans



The image that brought home the horror of the Gulf War

Evans uses it to refute the "fashionable fallacy" that the video era has rendered the still news photograph obsolete. The power of Jarecke's photo-graph, as he explains, is that it was of a solitary individual in the transfixation of a hideous death. "In the absence of a photograph of this power, it had been possible to enjoy the lethal felicity of designer bombs as some kind of video game. It had been possible to be caught up in the excitement of people rushing to escape the Scuds. There was no escape from the still silence of the corpse in Jarecke's photograph. Once seen, it has a permanent place in one's imagination.

n the question of

whether editors should censor pictures that may offend, Evans now suggests four areas of sensitivity instead of only two in his original chapter on ethics - faking, sex and public decency, violence and intrusions into privacy. He argues that at least one of four questions needs to answered in the affirmative to justify publishing a shocking picture. Is any shock justified by the social or historic significance of the event? Is the objectionable detail necessary for a proper understanding of the event? Does the subject freely consent? And is the photograph expressive of humanity? According to Evans, Jarecke's picture met most of his suggested tests and The Observer was justified in pub-lishing it. "The shock was necessary ... I was forced to recognise that I had willed this man's death. I believed the Gulf War was a just war, and perhaps the dead Iraqi be-lieved that he was fighting a

was the consequence of our convictions. It is right that we should contemplate the results of our convictions. Here, in charred flesh and grinning skull, was the price of patriotism." Newspaper pictures rarely demand that level of critical scrutiny. Yet Pictures is a timely reminder of one of journalism's most over-used clichės – that a picture is worth a thousand words. That

is shown by the power of Don

holy war, but this inescapably

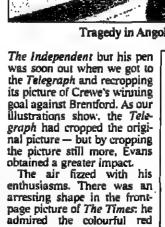
top of this page which Evans selects as one of his personal favourites in the book.

He sees it as epitomising the tragedy of the Greek-Turkish conflict in Cyprus: The woman, a Turk, has just learnt that her husband has been killed during overnight fighting; her son reaches up as much, it seems, to comfort her as to seek solace himself." McCullin's picture for The Sunday Times won the 1964 World Press Award, Today, pictures of equal power are still being published, as is shown by the photograph from Angola by the Italian photographer Francesco Zizola, the winner of the 1996 award (World Press Photo Yearbook, 1997, Thames and Hudson, £9.95). Since Pictures was first pub-

lished in 1978, when Harold Evans was the Editor of The Sunday Times, there has been a revolution in the use of pictures in newspapers. Most are now in colour and are transmitted and edited and cropped on computers. Yet, 28 Evans says, nothing has changed in the practical business of taking and assessing

the photograph.

We all have our heroes and one of mine is Harold Evans. who was an inspirational Editor of The Sunday Times from 1967 to 1981. One his passions was pictures. So it was a treat this week to sit down with him on a visit to London and assess some of the Bank Holiday papers and in particular the sports sections, where photographs are used most boldly. He saluted the front pages of The Times, The Guardian and



robes of Trappist monks voting in the French election in The Guardian; a Telegraph picture of Adam Hollioake with blurred faces in the background which summoned up the scent of mown grass at Lord's, and the Guardian front of Ben Hollioake. Evans was much less enthusiastic about the tabloids. The Daily Mail was the best and he admired a set of four pictures of Nick Faldo in The

Express but the photographers of The Sun, Mirror and Daily Star were badly treated, with their pictures used as a "fretwork* design element rather than for their own integrity.

He was enjoying his visit.

It's such a joy to read the British papers again after being in the United States—a

joy because their editing and design is superior to any

American newspaper."

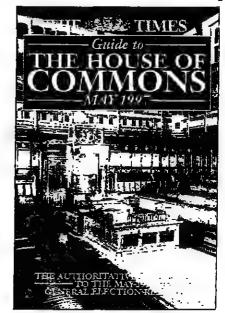


Evans praised The Guardian's picture of Ben Hollioake McCullin's photograph at the



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Nato and Russia in historic accord

■ NATO and Russia blew away the last breath of the Cold War by signing an accord that paves the way for the strongest military alliance in history.

The "Founding Act on Mutual Relations, Co-operation and Security" was hailed as ending half a century of division in Europe. President Yeltsin astonished the Nato leaders with an impromptu promise to remove the warheads from nuclear weapons pointing at their countries......Pages 1, 17

Clinton ordered to face sex claim case

■ President Clinton faced perhaps the most embarrassing controversy of his presidency when the Supreme Court ruled that Paula Jones could pursue her sexual harassment case against him. It ruled that the President could face lawsuits

School choice

Thousands of parents will be denied places for their children at popular primary schools under the Government's election pledge on maximum class sizes, head Page I teachers said...

E. coli warning The number of cases of E. coli food poisoning will reach a record level this year, the leading expert

in the disease said.....Page 2 Schoolgirls guilty Two teenage schoolgirls were found guilty of leading a vicious

gang attack on a fellow pupil who Abortion case ends

James Kelly ended his 12-day legal fight to stop his estranged wife from having an

abortion ...

Gay baby share Two disabled homosexuals want to "share" a surrogate baby with

a lesbian couplePage 7 Glittering prize

A search for the right candidate to fill one of the country's most glittering posts. Ambassador to Washington, is under way in Whitehall Page 8

Hope of pardon

The great nephew of a First World War sergeant executed for cowardice and desertion was given the first glimmer of hope that

New homes plan

Plans to build a town with 5,000 homes in the heart of the Hampshire countryside have received a boost after government-appointed examiners recommended that the development go ahead Page 11

False piety

A priest has accused parents of turning up to Mass at his parish and pretending to be devout Christians to secure places for their children at a successful church primary school ... Page 13

Spymaster convicted

The "man without a face" - the former East German spymaster Markus Wolf - has been convicted by a German court of three kidnappings during the Cold War and given a two-year suspended prison sentence.. Page 14

Peace progress

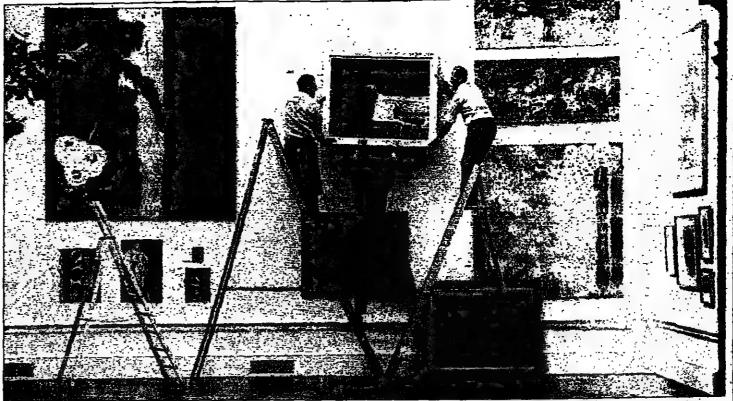
Three hours of crisis talks between Israeli and Egyptian leaders have secured what both sides called "a positive beginning" to bringing Israel and the Palestinians back to the peace negotiating .. Page 15

President's appeal

Jacques Chirac, France's conservative President, faced one of the toughest tests of his political career as he sought to head off a left-wing election victory with a his campaign for a pardon might direct televised appeal for voters' at last succeedPage 9 support

Conran to be official design guru

Sir Terence Conran is believed to be the latest top businessman recruited to government service. He is discussing a role in which he would emphasise the importance of good design. It could span both the Department of Trade and Industry, where he would aim to increase design awareness in business, and the Department of National Heritage Page 1



Caledon Farm by Barbara Rae being hung at the Royal Academy's Summer Exhibition, which opens on June 1. Report, page 3

BUSINESS

Barcleys: Martin Taylor, chief executive of Barclays and the new head of the Government's Task Force to reform tax and benefits, called on currency speculators to "blow apart" any too-hasty move to Page 27 the euro....

EMI: The music group is to spend E117.2 million restructuring its US operations.. ...Page 27 Pharmaceuticals: The EU was on

the verge of signing a deal that would make it much easier for drug companies to secure regula-tory licences......

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose 19.8 points to close at 4681.6. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 98.1 to 98.6 after a rise from DM2.7557 to DM2.7714 but a fall from \$1.6300 to \$1.6288 Page 30 | 2000 .

Cricket: Kent. Surrey. Leicestershire and Northamptonshire reached the semi-finals of the Benson and Hedges Cup. Mark Ramprakash has taken over as captain of Middlesex..... Page 48

Footbell: Tony Adams will miss England's World Cup qualifying match against Poland because of an ankle injury. Paul Gascoigne should be fit

Tennie: Tim Henman lost in five sets to Olivier Delaitre, of France, in the first round of the French Open, bringing an end to British involvement in the men's singles.... ... Page 52

Golf: The Solheim Cup, the women's equivalent of the Ryder Cup, is to be played at Sunningdale in ...Page 52 Driven man: Film director David Cronenberg is bemused by Britain's hostility to his movie Crash which, he says, "begs and pleads to

be taken metaphorically, not lit-

....Page 39

Rising star: Ben Brown, 27, qualified as a lawyer before deciding playwriting was his metier. His first full-length play is about to War wounds: Black US Marine Albert French saw his best friend blown apart during the Vietnam

War, Now he has written his own powerful war memoir Page 40 Tribes of pop: The good weather was the icing on the festival cake at Sutton Hoo in Bedfordshire, where 30,000 revellers joined the Tribai

Gathering.....

W 30MORROW ... IN THE TIMES

FILMS Geoff Brown reviews Clint-Eastwood (left) in Absolute Power

BOOKS Naomi Wolf on Sheila Rowbotham's feminism, A Century of Women

Elahties retro: Iain R. Webb on shoulder-pads and the enduring influence of a man called First isdies: Republicans foam at the mouth at the mention of Hillary Clinton's name ... yet it is unlikely that even the most partisan of Tories will take against Cherie Booth.

.....Pages 18-19 Morei maze: James Kelly has decided to stop trying legally to prevent his wife having an abortion. That does nothing to clear up the confusion on our part, says Nigella

The mantle of dragon lady will not

Shock horror: A photograph of the was the most shocking image in a British newspaper since the Vietpublication was justified, says Bri-

Riviera living: A British company is offering houry villas to rent or buy in the South of France...... Page 36

power so quickly -- Le Figaro | cide decisions

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Preview: Public sage, private monster? Bertrand Russell is reassessed. Reputations (BBC2, 9pm) Review: Matthew Bond on a bitty approach to the Elephant Pages 46, 47

TOTAL OPINION Promises to keep

The point for Western leaders to note is that this is a deal that Mr Yeltsin, taunted by nationalists for signing a new Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact, can sell to Russians only as part of a broader political package, one that sets Russia firmly on course for full membership of all the important international

A matter of honour

Seventy years on from the Great War it is hard to imagine the pressures men faced. It is equally hard to imagine how difficult it was for officers to maintain military discipline

Ladylike values

The ladybird's sexual activities can safely be left to look after themselves. So far they have managed

SIMON JENKINS

In ten years' time, non-coital procreation will be commonplace. A feature of the surrogacy debate is the widening gap between scientists and attendant parents desperate for children and a ragged army of moralists and legislators chasing after them

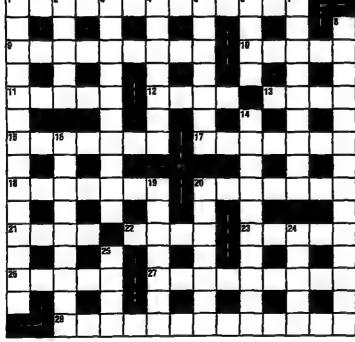
ALAN COREN

Some may have The Times propped against the cruet, but their faces are lying beside the comflakes, snoring gently. Others may have taken the paper to read in their tub, where it is presently soaking to dark grey shards.....Page 28

The Texaco Trophy one-day cricket series gave us the intriguing spectacle of brother seeking to outdo brother

tubbies influence on children; sui-

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- 1 Titled person, such as Lord Jim
- 9 Blunder in reduction of tension, cut defensive weapon (9).
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- 21 Unhappy about one named previously (4).
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- 23 New paper one's taken during
- holiday (5).
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- play (10). 4 Too gripping a cover (7).
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- get an award (4). 7 Poor Socrates swallowing one to
- retire from society? (9). 8 Pomposity felt personally by Er-
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- gardener doffing cap (9). 19 Produces life, when short of energy - summoned up this? (7). 20 A conspirator right up in a tree
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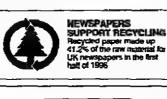
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day with long sunny periods. London, SE England, Channel Isles: cloudy at first, but some surny spells developing. Winds moderate, locally fresh, east to northeasterly. Cool. Max 17C (63F).

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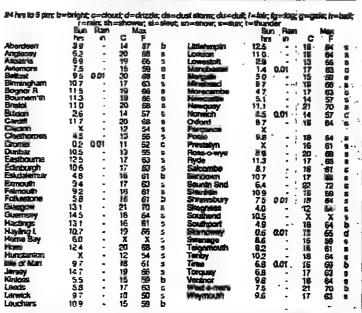
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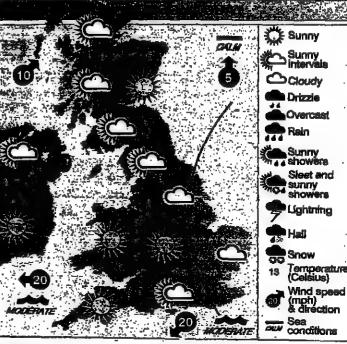
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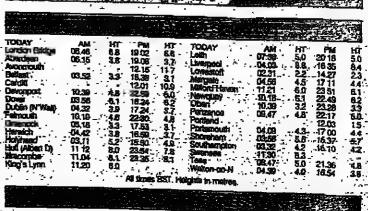
Sydney Bidwell, Labour MP for Baling Southall, 1966-92; Mohammed Fadhil Jamali, former Prime Minister of IraqPage 23

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BUSINESS EDITOR Patience Wheatcroft

WEDNESDAY MAY 28 1997

AT&T plans record \$55bn merger with SBC



Vallance: MCI target

AND ERIC REGULY

AT&T. America's largest long-distance phone company, is preparing to reshape the global telecommunications market through a \$55

billion merger with SBC Communications, the leading regional phone operator.

Analysts said the deal, the largest merger in history, would put pressure on British Telecom to make another acquisition in the US in addition to its £\$20 billion merger with MCI.

A combination of AT&T and SBC, would create a group with US\$80 billion in annual revenue, making it the world's largest phone

revenue, making it the world's largest phone company. It would be more than twice the size of Concert, the company being formed by the merger of BT and MCI, America's second

largest long distance phone company. Robert Millington, a BZW Research analyst, said: "AT&T and SBC would be a very powerful combination. It raises the possiblity of BT and MCI doing another deal in the US."

BT, chaired by Sir Ian Vallance, wants to buy MCI partly because MCI is developing a local network aimed primarily at business customers. The traffic generated by these customers would feed into Concert's own network. MCI, however, is having trouble expanding in the local market because of the complexities

of the new regulatory framework and the high cost of building networks. It may decide that buying a regional or local company is the easiest solution. BT would not comment.

An AT&T-SBC deal would probably take the form of a stock swap, with SBC shareholders

receiving AT&T shares. Negotiations are not completed. The two companies are understood to be grappling with the financial structure of the deal, the merged company's new manage-ment and the integration of operations. AT&T and SBC would not confirm that talks were taking place.

AT&T, with a market capitalisation of nearly \$60 million, is slightly larger than SBC, which is worth around \$52 million. SBC is the largest of the Baby Bells, the regional US phone companies, with operations covering much of Texas, the South West and California. It was formed from the merger of PacTel and Southwestern Bell and is regarded as one of the best-managed and most aggressive US phone

An AT&T-SBC combination would have

230,000 employees and nearly 60 per cent of the \$80 billion US long distance telecoms market. The talks were made possible by the passage last year of the Telecommunications Act.

AT&T, which has been performing badly under Robert Allen, its chairman, is looking for a quick way into the local US phone market as several Baby Bells eat into its traditional long distance business. It also wants to offer a "onestop" service of local, long distance and international phone services to business customers who prefer dealing with one phone company instead of several. AT&T has also been in talks with several companies including Bell South and GTE. Analysts believe GTE might be attractive to Concert.

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EMI goes for £117m revamp in America

BY SAILAH CUNNINGHAM

The exceptional item re-

At constant exchange rates,

group turnover was up 1.8 per

cent to £3.58 billion. However,

the strength of sterling re-

duced reported revenues by

E192.2 million to £3.39 billion.

This was equal to a fall of 3.64

per cent. US sales fell 13.2 per

The final dividend, payable

on July 18, is 22p, giving a full-

year total of 30p, compared

Sir Colin said last year's

outstanding performance

came from the Spice Girls,

whose album, Spice, sold 11.5

million copies worldwide. He

said he had high hopes for

Radiohead's Paranoid Android, released last weekend,

and other new albums, includ-

ing one by the Rolling Stones.

proposals to return up to 10

per cent of its market

capitalisation — equal to more

than £500 million - to share

holders ready in time for its

Low note, page 31

July 18 annual meeting.

The company hopes to have

cent to £762 million.

with Zip last year.

EMI, the music company that make EMI one of the top three demerged from Thorn last music companies in North year, is to spend £117.2 million America, where it is is now fifth behind Warner, Sony, restructuring its North America operations after a sharp PolyGram and Bertelsmann. drop in sales there. EMI is number two in the world outside North America.

The size of the unexpected provision, along with a fore-cast of modest progress this duced pre-tax profit for the year to March 31 to £283.9 year, sent EMI's shares down and will put pressure on Jim Fifield, the head of EMI Music, who received £7.38 million pay package in 1995-96. The announcement that EMI intends to distribute more than £500 million of funds to shareholders failed to bolster the share price.

The head office of EMI Capital in New York is to be shut, with the loss of 35 senior management jobs, including that of its head, Charles Koppelman, Sir Colin Southgate, chairman, said the US managers had failed to ensure that recordings by US acts had

sold succesfully overseas. Ken Berry, now head of EMI Music International and Virgin Records; is to become president of EMI Recorded Music. Mr Berry, who is normally based in London, is to spend most of next year in America and the heads of EMI's other US labels will report directly to him.

Mr Berry will report to Mr Fifield, who will remain as chief executive of EMI Music.

Sir Colin said none of the US labels would be cut or merged, but sayings would come from the removal of a layer of management. He said that the problems in North America were not the responsibility of any one person. The buck stops here and we all take the responsibility," he said.

The provision will cover the cost of the redundancies, had debts to pankrupted US retailers, office closures and some asset write-offs. The changes should cut operating costs by E35 million to £40 million a

Sir Colin said the aim was for the US return on sales to rise from the current 5 per cent to 10 per cent over the next three

4 Miles



Jim Fifield, chief of EMI Music, will face pressure over the size of the provision



EMI has high hopes for Paranoid Android by Radiohead, released last weekend

EU close to deal with US on licensing of new drugs

FROM ALASDAIR MURRAY IN PARIS

THE European Union was on the verge last night of signing a deal with the United States that would make it easier for pharmaceutical companies to secure regulatory licences for their new products.

The Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) would provide a big boost to Britain's pharmaceutical groups such as Glaxo Wellcome and Zeneca by slashing the time spent on clinical tests of drugs and other medical products in

At present all pharmaceutical and medical products have to clear safety inspections in Europe and the US. But under the MRA, European inspectors would be able to decide whether products cleared both EU and American safety standards, ending the need for checks to made in the US as well. The US Food & Drug Administration (FDA) has the most rigorous-testing in the world and it can take many years and millions of pounds to gain approval. The Association of the British Pharmaceuticals Industry said: "It would be of enormous benefit

to the industry." Sir Leon Brittan, the European Commissioner for Trade, spent yesterday trying to iron out last-minute problems with Charlene Barshefsky, his US counterpart, during the OECD ministerial

The EU and the US have already reached MRAs on telecommunication products and small electrical equipment. But concluding a deal on pharmaceuticals, one of the biggest sectors without an MRA, has proved difficult because of the reluctance of

the FDA to give up its powers. The Americans have expressed fears that a deal would result in a lowering of US consumer standards. But Sir Leon made it clear

yesterday that the deal was not a move towards the harmonisation of safety standards in Europe and the US. He also ably surprised" by the level of support from OECD member countries for a "millennium mund" of international trade talks.

The EU has been keen to kick-start a new round of world trade talks to help to remove trade barriers in areas such as services, intellectual property and investment. Sir Leon added that he regarded the single-sector approach to trade talks as "exhausted" and hoped to press on with his plan for a major round of talks in 2000.

Lord Clinton-Davis, UK Minister for Trade, told the OECD on Monday that the British Government felt the "need for a comprehensive round of trade negotiations by the end of the century was overwhelming". The idea was supported by Germany, Mexico, Australia and France. But supporters of a "millennium round" still face considerable opposition from the United States, which is keen to continue the single-sector approach.

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Davies fails to sign green **Budget**

BY ADAM JONES

GORDON BROWN need not raise taxes in his summer Budget, according a report from the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS) and Goldman

In spite of introducing the report, Gavyn Davies, chief international economist at Goldman, declined to be listed as one of the authors, the first such absence in at least four years. This led to suggestions that Mr Davies is keeping a low profile in anticipation of a job at the Bank of England.

In its green Budget analysis of the Chancellor's options, the IFS vesterday predicted a drop in the public sector borrowing requirement to a better than expected £14.3 billion in 1997-98. This could fall as low as £12.3 billion in the same year if Labour's windfall tax is implemented, it added.

Goldman Sachs played down the speculation surrounding Mr Davies' failure to sign the report yesterday. The report expects an in-

creased interest rate of between 7.25 and 7.5 per cent within a year, saying the fiscal tightening contained in Kenneth Clarke's last Budget reduced the need for new taxation.

It said the proposed wind-fall tax is unlikely to significantly increase consumer bills or decrease investment by utility companies: "Most of the burden will be borne by shareholders."

It also gave the proposed drop in the starting rate of income tax to 10 per cent a

Taylor warns on EMU | Halifax £lbn unclaimed

By MARTIN WALLER

MARTIN TAYLOR, chief executive of Barclays and the new head of the Government's task force to reform the tax and benefits system, called on currency speculators to "blow apart" any too hasty move to a common currency.
In an astonishing interven-

tion in the European monetary union debate, Mr Taylor told an audience in St Gallen. Switzerland, that the economic troubles in Germany and the Left's gains in the first

round of the French elections meant there was a much lower chance of economic and monetary union starting on time. "More worryingly, there is a

much higher chance of a bad EMU happening," he added. Mr Taylor called on the 1999 starting date to be put back, saying there was a danger of politicians manipulating the single currency project to fit political considerations. A French government could come to power with a "fantasy agenda", while

there was increasing distrust in Germany for EMU.

He said: "If governments

against this background do try to fix the currencies it is the duty of currency speculators to blow them apart." He added: "A confident,

strong, statesmanlike postponement early will give a good chance of a healthy EMU in three, four or five years' time."

By Caroline Merrell

NEARLY a twelth of shares in some point, the unclaimed the Halifax, expected to be millions would be added to the worth about £1.4 billion, re-Halifax balance sheet. In 1992. main unclaimed ahead of the Abbey National added £100 former building society's float million-worth of unclaimed shares to its accounts.

on Monday. Halifax said that it will hold the unclaimed shares for three years before selling them at the market price. The proceeds will be kept for the missing

shareholders for nine years.

However, Gary Marsh,
Halifax assistant general
manager, admitted that, at

bers have chosen to sell a total of 568 million shares on the

first day of flotation. The 1.9 million Halifax shareholders selling are a slightly smaller proportion than the 27 per cent of Alliance

& Leicester shareholders who

analysts, who believed that the big rise in A&L's share price since its stock market debut a month ago would lead more of A quarter of Halifax mem-Halifax's 7.6 million members to keep their shares. A&L shares have risen by nearly £1, and an A&L windfall of 250 is now worth more than £1,500.

sold on the first day. The

Halifax figure surprised some

IG Index, the financial bookmaker, said the Halifax share price forecast was up to between 705p and 715p.

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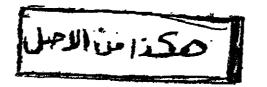
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Watchdog to launch inquiry into gas prices

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

CLAIRE Spottiswoode, the gas regulator, is to mount an investigation into a key element of gas pricing after a review showed that prices have been too volatile and have not always reflected supply and demand.

The inquiry comes after leaps in the price of gas available on the spot market, which was created when competition was introduced more than a year ago. Ms Spottiswoode, the

looking at overhauling the system ready for the winter, when prices will again climb.

A spokesman for Ms Spottiswoode said: There have been opportunities for people to make money playing the market and that wasn't the idea. The intention was simply that demand would be balanced by supply."

During cold periods the price of gas in the trading mechanism had jumped to 148p a therm against a general trading price of 10p a therm outside the balancing market. Uncom-

market has been awash with speculation that prices can be manipulated by BG and its rivals, such as Calortex or Estern, withholding supplies. Ofgas said yesterday that there had been an incentive for gas companies not to balance their books daily -- as was intended to smooth supply and purchase of gas -- and that some would sell more when prices were high and keep it back when they were low. The

Director-General of Gas Supply, is now looking at overhauling the system ready for the winter, when prices will again climb.

mitted gas supplies are traded on the spot market, had shown market and it is intended to balance the two.

Since its full operation last autumn the watchdog's initial review of the spot market, had shown that prices "do not necessarily reflect supply". and demand conditions on the day. Arbitrary and/or volatile prices can result. The reviewwas conducted in conjunction with Transco. part of BG, which operates the system.

The trading market, called the flexibility mechanism, was implemented as part of the network code - the wide-ranging system established to facilitate competition through Transco, the monopoly pipeline network.

house to buy Gremlin, are set

to share a paper fortune of around £22 million when the computer games maker comes to market next month.

The couple, who paid \$400,000 to take control of

Gremlin eight years ago, will cash in £6 million from the

float, reducing their stake to 40 per cent. The company is

also raising up to £15 million

to speed up its games output. Mr Stewart founded Grem-

lin in 1983 after working for Laskys, the now defunct hist retailing chain, which was the first high street store to stock

home computers when the Sin-

clair ZX81 came on the market

for computer games, he set up Just Micro as a standalone

software store the next year.

He joined forces with Geoff

Brown, his wife's employer, and developed the company

into a software publishing house, buying out Mr Brown's stake in 1989.

Gremlin now releases about seven computer programs a year, and hopes to lift produc-

tion to 16 games a year, after the fundraising, by employing more programers and making acquisitions. It increased its

software design team from 120 to 220 two months ago after

buying DMA, a Scottish soft-

ware bouse that works for

Gremlin last year made profit of £281 million (£1.13

nillion) on sales of £11.3 million (£7.54 million). Its shares

are due to begin trading in

After identifying a market

Couple to Thomson share £22m in Gremlin sell-off flotation could be BY FINSER NELSON IAN STEWART and Jenny Richards-Stewart, a husband and wife team who sold their

delayed

THE privatisation of Thom-son-CSF, the defence-electronics company, will be delayed if, as expected, the left-wing opposition wins France's par-

liamentary election. But it is not expected to be stopped in spite of a commitment to cancel the sell-off. French market sources said yesterday.

When the left-wing opposi-tion emerged from the first round of the election on Sunday with a clear lead over the centre-right. Thomson-CSF shares fell almost 10 per cent. However, they recovered yesterday as analysts argued that a new government could not afford to cancel the sell-off.

Closer ties between **OECD** and Russia

FROM ALASDAIB MURRAY IN PARIS

THE Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD) yesterday moved to Russia, but stopped well short of offering a clear date for membership.

Donald Johnston, secretary-general of the OECD. signed a liaison agreement with Yevgeny Primakov, the Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs, at the end of the annual OECD ministerial meeting in Paris

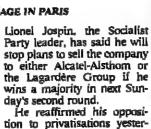
yesterday.
The OECD said that the agreement would intensify its existing Declaration of Co-operation with Russia. Under the terms of the deal, the OECD has promised to help Russia to set up a fully-fledged market economy and to meet and sustain all the conditions for membership.

Under the agreement, the OECD will hold two high-level meetings with Russia each year, with one session conducted at ministerial level.

But many OECD member countries privately admitted that the deal was largely symbolic and Russia was a long way from joining the organisation. Tony Lloyd, Minister of

State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. said that Britain supported the idea of Russia joining the OECD, but that the criteria for membership should not be wa-

He said that the agreement would encourage Russian reformers to continue liberalising the country's economy and should help it to eventually reach the high standards of



tion to privatisations yesterday when he said he would also halt the sale of France Telecom, which is due to earn about Fr50 billion for the

A socialist victory in the election would seem to be bad news for General Electric Company and British Aerospace, which have an interest in the sale of Thomson-CSF. BAe is backing Lagardère's bid with £300million and will pool Thomson's missile business with Matra BAe Dynamics if the offer is successful. Daimler-Benz Aerospace (Dasa) also supports

GEC has said it has signed memoranda with both Alcatel and Lagardère to combine its defence electronics business with whoever takes over Thomson-CSF.

These plans would almost certainly be delayed if M Jospin becomes Prime Minister next week. After announcing his opposition to the privatisation of either Thomson-CSF or France Telecom, a sell-off in the short term. But traders believe M

Jospin could change his mind. They say that he will need funds if France is to meet the public deficit criteria for economic monetary union. There have been signs that

some leading Socialists are prepared to countenance privatisations, or at least the sale of minority stakes in nationalised industries.

As traders decided they had over-reacted to the result of the first round of the election, Thomson-CSF shares rose more than 2 per cent

One said: There were fears the privatisation programme would have to be stopped, but there is a growing realisation a Socialist-led government will also have to sell shares. The amounts involved are considerable and they will need it for their budget."

Tempus, page 30 Anthony Harris, page 31



Germany to outlaw Bowe could seek new SIB role

BY SARA MCCONNELL

COLETTE BOWE, head of the Personal Investment Authority, yesterday refused to rule herself out of the running for the post of chief executive of the new enlarged Securities and investments Board an-

nounced last week. Under the proposals, all existing banking and financial services regulators will be merged into one "super SIB" under the chairmanship of Howard Davies, currently Deputy Governor of the Bank of England. Chief executive

posts at existing regulators become a criminal offence. When it's criminalised, then will disappear. Ms Bowe has been repeatit's punishable and therefore edly named as a possible not a tax advantage anymore."

contender for the job of chief executive of an expanded SIB, although her record as a regulator is perceived to have been tarnished by the pen-sions mis-selling scandal. Other contenders include Andrew Wincklet, chief executive of the existing SIB, Philip Thorpe, chief executive of the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation, and Richard Farrant, chief executive of the Securities and

Futures Authority.

Ms Bowe would like a onestop complaints system for individual investors and a faster, scheme when firms collapse.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Swiss chocolate firm eyes a London listing

KLAUS J JACOBS HOLDING'S Barry Callebaut, the chocolate product manufacturer based in Zurich, said in London yesterday that it expects to launch its planned London yesterday that it expects to faunch its planned initial public offering in early 1998 and tested the water over the possibility of listing the shares in the UK. Barry. Callebaut was formed after the operational merger last February of Klaus J Jacobs Holding's Callebaut and the Breach Barry.

French Barry group.

Claus Jacobs, chairman, said that he expects the offering to be "relatively small", at about 10 or 20 per cent of market capitalisation. "We are not planning to swamp the market, and therefore will keep the offering relatively small." he said. "The public should be given time to learn to deal with the stock." Mr Jacobs said that the newly merged group has yet to choose a venue for the placing. He emphasised that the company was "truly Swiss", but indicated that Britain is a serious possibility.

Beckett woos Toyota

MARGARET BECKETT, President of the Board of Trade, MARGARET BECKETT, President of the Board of Trade, who is visiting Japan, yesterday urged Toyota to choose Britain for the site of its new European plant to build a subcompact car. Mrs Beckett made a strong pitch for the new investment planned by Japan's biggest carmaker at a meeting with Kosuke Yamamoto, Toyota's senior vice-president. She said that her task in Japan was to allay Japanese concerns about Britain's relationship with the rest of Europe, and especially its stance on European monetary union.

OMI back in black

OMI International, the engineering group, has returned to the black with a £1 million pre-tax profit for the year to March 31 after a £14 million loss last time. Earnings reached 1.5p a share (19.4p loss) and a return to the dividend list is proposed, with a 0.1p a share final. Sales remained at about £43 million. Richard Duggan, executive chairman, said: "This year we have been particularly successful in getting the fundamentals of our besiness right and the group is now in a much better position to exploit the opportunities open to it."

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Lavelle moves to Oasis

OASIS STORES, the fashion retailer, has confirmed that Dominic Lavelle, who was finance director for the United Kingdom and the rest of Europe at Laura Ashley, is joining as finance director. Mr Lavelle is replacing David Sarson, who has been with Oasis Stores since its controversial buyout in 1991-but had wanted to stay in Oxford when the company-moved its headquarters to London. Shares in Laura Ashley fell sharply when Mr Lavelle's departure was revealed last week.

Trusts are defended

ANGUS GROSSART, the Scottish merchant banker, has defended international investment trusts against criticism of their vulnerability to the strong pound. Mr Grossari is chairman of the Scottish Investment Trust, an international fund whose net asset value grew by 8.3 per cent, to 348.7p per ordinary unit, in the six months to April 30. The UK index rose by 9.9 per cent in the period and the world index by 6.2 per cent. Mr Grossart said international trusts were excellent long-term holds. An interim dividend of 2.06p. (1.96p) is due on July 18.

CAT incurs £6.4m loss

CAMBRIDGE ANTIBODY TECHNOLOGY, the dr elopment company floated two months ago, has reported a loss for the half year to March 31 of £6.4 million, nearly £3 million of it from writing off intellectual property because of issuing shares to the Medical Research Council. CAT is at an earlier stage of work than many quoted biotechnology companies and does not expect to start clinical trials until late this year. After raising 641.2 million at flotation, it ended its half with £48.2 million cash

Alexandra chief to retire

JOHN PRIOR, chief executive and former chairman of Alexandra Workwear, is to retire after 27 years with the textile company. Mr. Prior, 55 in June, will leave at the end of August Alexandra, which he joined as a company accountant, is to decrease the amount of UK production this summer in favour of cheaper overseas plant, involving the closure of one factory in Coatbridge, Strathclyde, and the establishment of operations in Morocco.

Care UK advances

CARE UK, which specialises in care for the elderly under contract to health authorities, raised interim pre-tax profits 16 per cent to £1.92 million. Sales rose 26 per cent to £12.43 million in the six months to March 31. Earnings rose 21 per cent to 3.81p, out of which an interim dividend of 0.40p, up 21 per cent, is proposed. Richard Clough, chief executive, said NHS modernisation would increase demand for Care UK's specialist services:

British boost for Nissan

GUENTHER Rexrodt, the

German Economics Minister,

last night signed a treaty designed to end his country's

reign as one of Europe's most

Germany has not only allowed the widespread brib-

ing of foreign officials by

domestic firms, but encour-

aged companies to offset these

costs against tax - without naming the recipient, of

course. But Germany's fellow

industrial nations in the

OECD, particularly the Uni-

ted States, started to demand

new legislation to criminalise

the bribery of state officials

corrupt nations.

BY GEORGE SIVELL

NISSAN, the Japanese carmaker, doubled British profits last year thanks to an efficiency drive and a rise in production - from 215,000 to 231,000 cars - at its plant in Sunderland.

Pre-tax profits rose from \$10.2 million in 1995 to \$21.1 million in the year to December 1996. After tax profits rose from £10.4 million to £18.2 million, in spite of the launch costs of the new Primera.

A four-year efficiency drive improved productivity by 10 per cent a year for the first three years of operation, and still produced a further S per cent improvement in its final year last year. Nissan expects to make 250,000 cars at Sunderland this year.

The British improvement helped the Nissan group to get back into the black for the first time in five years. Group net profit reached 77.74 billion yen

(£409 million) in the year to end-March, a turnaround from the previous year's loss of 88.42 billion yen. As with other Japanese car-

The deal is believed to be a

compromise between the US

on one side and Germany and

France - which has adopted

the same policy as Bonn until

Germany and France had tried to block the treaty during

months of discussion, insist-

ing that there should be fur-

ther discussion on a more

uniform legislation against

corruption. but agreement was finally reached yesterday.

bribing of state officials will

Herr Rexrodt said: "The

now - on the other.

makers, the weaker yen helped Nissan but analysts believe this year's profits will hinge on the performance of the yen. Nissan expects to make group net profit of more than 100 billion yen for the current year, which ends in

April rush swells Pep funds BY GAVIN LUMSDEN

INVESTORS rushing to beat the tax-year deadline helped to push sales of unit trustbased personal equity plans (Peps) to £1.6 billion in April, atest figures show, beating the previous record, set in April 1996, by 44 per cent.

Half of the sales occurred in the first five days of the month alone, forcing Pep providers to book staff into hotels and open up at the weekend to cope with the demand. In all, an extra 300,000 people took advantage of Pep exemptions from income and capital gains taxes, the Association of Unit Trusts and Investment Funds (Autif) said yesterday.

Anne McMeehan, of Autif. said the rise had been "truly impressive". Market jitters in March had concentrated investors' minds on the equity markets, while impending share windfalls from converting building societies had

added a "frisson". In the past 12 months assets held by unit trust Peps have grown by nearly £9 billion to £30

Increased sales of funds which track indices, such as the FT-SE 100, pushed overall direct sales to £443 million. Sales by independent financial advisers and company sales forces were neck and neck at just under £570 mil-

takeover By OUR CITY STAFF BIR's power drives unit has agreed to acquire ECM Motor Co of America for an undisclosed sum and expects to complete the deal by

tomorrow. Net assets

volved in the deal total \$21

BTR gears

up with US

million ECM is based in Elkhorn, Wisconsin, and manufactures sub-fractional and fractional horsepower gearmotors and related electric motors. In 1996, the company had sales of \$46 million. Welcoming the deal, Paul Buysse, the BTR executive

director responsible for BTR power drives, said: "The acquisition of ECM broadens the BTR power drives group and enables it to provide the widest spectrum of gear-motors within the industry. "With its worldwide reach. BTR power drives sees good opportunities to develop new costomers for ECM's prod-nets in world markets withparticularly good scope for industrial applications in cancrosing markets.

In the stock market, how. ever, shares in BTR were marked down again yesterday. By the close of trading, the share price stood 8p lower at 209p.

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t was rocking and rolling time at EMI yesterday. The share price rocked and the heads rolled as the company revealed a slump in profits. But one head which escaped the corporate guillotine was that of "Lucky" Jim Fifield, the man who, as head of EMI Music, might be assumed to have some responsibility for the company's failure to stay sufficiently in tune

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with its marketplace.
Fifield is highly valued by EMI: to the extent of £7.4 million in 1995-96. Shareholders will be watching out to see just what his package totted up to in the last year, when EMI's music sales fell by 8 per cent.

Companies' enthusiasm for performance-related pay has a tendency to grow in direct proportion to the rewards it may produce. The increasingly popu-lar trend of linking bonus schemes to results over several. years should rule out some of the more blatant abuses but can produce bumper payouts for directors in years of relative famine for shareholders. While the payments may be justified, they do not convey a winning message when seen in the columns of an annual report, less still those of a mean-minded

No doubt Mr Fifield deserves his money. It cannot be much fun knowing that you are dependent on the Spice Girls for drumming up an important slug of your profits or that the future may rest

EMI's record under scrutiny

with international reactions to an unappetising bunch by the name of Radiohead. But while the music business is

horribly tickle and success requires a heavy dose of luck as much as clever talent spotting, it is hard to avoid the conclusion that EMI's management has not been of the sharpest. The talk is that the redundancies and clo-sures in the United States could produce annual savings of up to £40 million. That is a huge overhead to be able to dispense with after already claiming to have undertaken some necessary housekeeping changes. Those US executives had obviously been too busy nurturing bands with exceedingly limited appeal to notice how much money they

were spending, but someone should have spotted that the success and expenditure graphs were not converging. Chairman Sir Colin Southgate is parachuting in Ken Berry from London to sort out the problems in the US, leaving some analysts to speculate quite what the role of the well-remunerated Mr Fifield will be now.

Shareholders are at least promised a share buy-back as a comforter. By investing in that direction, the company at least



provides reassurance that it will not be tempted into making some dangerously expensive ac-

And there is always the tantalising option that EMI itself will be the subject of a bid. Its back catalogue has huge appeal internationally, even if current stars have shorter shelf lives. While Sir Colin insists that talks with Seagram were not "seri-ous", the full lyrics insist that its not serious until its serious.

Prepare for mother of telecoms battles

ir lain Vallance, British Telecom's chairman, can forget about easing into retirement. Suddenly BT is being attacked from every angle and the one deal that was designed to launch the company into the international big leagues seems inadequate even before the contracts have been exchanged.

The pressures began to mount last year when Cable and Wireless recruited a gung-ho chief executive from America, who decided that BT could stand to lose more market share. C&W melded Mercury Communications with three cable com-panies to create Cable and Wireless Communications. While the new company is unproven, it certainly has the potential to use its high-capacity network to bump BT off the information superhighway.

Sir lain, of course, could not complain. The only way to greet competition without upsetting the regulator is to give a public smile of welcome. The next threat was worth screaming about. There is a good chance that Labour will deem BT a utility and hit it with the windfall tax. Sir lain's threat to fight the tax in the European courts could tie up BT for years while ensuring that it is not on the chummiest of terms with the Government.

Now we learn that AT&T and SBC, America's largest regional phone company, are working on prione company, are working on a \$50 billion merger that would reshape the global telecoms map. Their merger reinforces BT's strategy of entering the US market through the proposed \$20 billion purchase of MCI, the second-largest long-distance car-rier, but raises the question whether MCI is enough. In one whether MCI is enough. In one fell swoop, SBC would give AT&T an enormous regional network whose traffic would ensure that AT&T's own long-

distance and international networks are filled to capacity. BT wants to buy MCI partly because MCl is developing a regional business that could be used to the same effect. But MCI. hampered by the complexities of the 1996 Telecommunications Act, is moving slowly. If BT and MCI want to penetrate the regional market in a hurry, a strategy that AT&T appears to have chosen, they will have little

choice but to buy or form a partnership with a regional player. A deal with GTE, one of America's largest providers of local sevices, is being touted as BT's most logical next move. Sir Iain should prepare for major campaigns on the home and international fronts. His battles with Oftel, the regulator, will

Grand design for UK — by Conran

S ir Terence Conran is about to join the ranks of businessmen recruited to help the Government in its quest for "partnership" with business. The restaurateur, who made a highly public declaration of his voting intentions by appearing in a Labour party political broadcast, seems set to become design guru to the nation as well as caterer to the chattering classes. His brief could stretch across

government departments, reaching from Trade and Industry to Heritage. What Lord Simon will do for competition, Sir Terence could do for design.

He has long complained that Britain fails to appreciate the merits of good design, and there

is certainly scope for beefing up the work of the Design Council. But if the Government is to make the most of having people like Simon and Conran working on its behalf, it must ease the way in which these newcomers can negotiate the essential machin-ery of Whitehall. Hours spent in debate will do little to improve competitiveness of British de-sign, whereas sending Sir Ter-ence out to talk direct to companies could produce rapid

Yet there remains an element of subjectivity in what constitutes good design. When Sir Terence, in his days as Storehouse boss, took over Mothercare, he declared that all those ghastly rabbit motives were to be removed from the merchandise immediately. His edict was carried out and the customers made clear their displeasure. In babywear, bunnies were what sold.

Weighty warning

MARTIN TAYLOR, another recent recruit for the Government, has already performed an act of huge public service. His words of warning about the dangers of rushing into EMU ring loud with sanity. And because of his recently acquired quangoid status, they carry twice the weight they would have if they were merely being uttered by the chief executive of a major clearing

Schroder raises \$1bn European buyout fund

SCHRODER Ventures has raised a \$1 billion fund to invest in European buyout deals, with North American investors putting up almost half the money.

The firm, part of the Schroder investment banking group, claims that its new fund is the biggest buyout fund ever. raised in Europe. It will be able to back deals of up to \$500 million before having to bring in other equity backers.

Peter Smitham, chairman of Schroder Ventures Europe, expects to invest much of the money in outsourcing deals, smaller privatisations and peripheral businesses being sold by big corporations. The money will be invested in the UK, Germany, France, Italy

Mr Smitham said that he was very pleased that the \$1 billion has been raised from only 34 investors. He said: "Each investor has made a major commitment, with an average of \$30 million. That says a lot about the quality of the

relationships."
The American backers are headed by Calpers, the Cali-fornian pension fund that manages more than \$100 billion, and Metropolitan Life, the US insurance company. The World Bank pension fund and the General Motors pension fund are also investors. Deregulation in The Nether-

lands has let Schroder Ventures secure substantial backing from Dutch pension funds, In all, 49 per cent of funding is coming from North America. 26 per cent from the UK, 22 per cent from continental Eur-

ope and 3 per cent from Japan. Schroder Ventures said that it will be able to invest up to \$150 million in a single transaction. With borrowing, this means that it could finance purchases of up to \$500 million before having to seek equity investment partners.

Mr Smitham said that few companies or state organisations in continental Europe had begun outsourcing services such as catering and cleaning. There are many, many opportunities in this area," he said. "German companies tend to do everything

look to participate in smaller privatisations that will not attract political controversy.

Mr Smitham said that German companies are increasingly accepting the wisdom of concentrating on core businesses, and are selling off other activities.

Schroder Ventures has 55 investment professional in Europe, with offices in London, Paris, Frankfurt, Milen and Madrid. It aims to lead the deals it backs, and to secure board representation and majority ownership, and says that it will focus on difficult deals, such as turnrounds and those involving specialised industries.

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Peter Smitham has targets on the Continent

Sega and Bandai call off £3bn merger

By Jason Nissé

THE £3 billion merger between Sega, the computer games maker, and Bandai, which was responsible for the Mighty Morphin Power

Rangers, has been called off. The surprise move came late yesterdayin Tokyo, only a day before the two were supposed to give details of a merger that was announced in February. Sega said: "Bandai requested a cancellation of the merger and offered a business alliance instead, which we

The merger was supposed to help the ailing fortunes of Sega, whose Saturn 32-bit games consol has lost out heavily to Song's PlayStation and Nintendo's Ultra-64.

Mikio Ishigami, Bandai's managing director, said on toymaker were extremely nerous about the change of envir onment, but he was confident that they would come on board once the blueprint for the merged company became clear.

Analysts said the cancellation announcement would be negative for the two firms.

Yasuo Imanaka, an analyst at Okasan Economic Research institute, said: "Both companies had repeatedly said that there would be no future without a merger. The cancellation would be taken as negative, especially for Bandai. Bandai cannot expect much business expansion with its current domestic op-

Indebted Wakebourne calls in administrator

By Fraser Nelson

WAKEBOURNE, the computer services group backed by Luke Johnson, the Pizza Express entrepreneur, three years ago, has fallen into insolvency with debts of £10 million. The company, whose shares

have plunged from 320p to 104p since Mr Johnson backed its reversal into the troubled Maddox Group, has called in Ernst & Young as administrator and now hopes to attract a bidder. Leslie Warman, chairman,

said this month that Wakebourne was in talks with a possible suitor who was valuing it "substantially below the current share price". However, Jason Elles, partner in Ernst & Young, said

that those talks have since

Johnson: former backer collapsed and that the best that the company could now hope for was finding bidders

instances, but people shied away. Their problem is that the company has always had an overhang of debt. Their strategy to get out of it was to build up the sales, but that turned out to be much slower than they anticipated. Mr Warman said last sum-

mer that the company had grounds for cautious optimism", but he gave warning four months later that secondhalf profits would be hit by erosion of its contract base. He had planned to overcome this through a £2.4 million overhaul of writedowns and disposals, but the company ran into a cash crisis and its shares were suspended two weeks ago.

Mr Johnson, who counts Wakebourne as one of his few failures, no longer has any shares in the company.

H&C chief to step down

for part of its remaining

assets. He said: They got

BY OUR CITY STAFF

GEORGE PAUL, chairman of Harrisons & Crosfield, the industrial group, is to step down after 12 years with the company, first as chief execu-

tive and latterly as chairman. Mr Paul told yesterday's annual meeting: "I shall step down from the board once a new chairman, recruited from outside the group, has been appointed. We anticipate that this will be towards the end of On prospects, he said: "Our

experience so far this year has been broadly as we anticipated when we announced our preliminary results in March. For the four months to April 1997, compared with the same period last year, food and agriculture operating profits are down sharply, timber and

building supplies are well up and chemical and industrial are virtually unchanged."

Mr Paul said that Bill Turcan, chief executive, his new executive team and financial advisers were "evaluating a range of options to maximise the group's future growth prospects and to enhance value for shareholders". The shares rose lp. to 109p.

East Midlands Electricity chief takes up US post

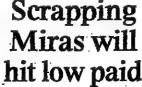
BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE chief executive of East will move to Virginia as com-Midlands Electricity is leaving the UK to head the main subsidiary of the US group that bought the regional electricity company last year. Norman Askew will become

president and chief executive officer of Virginia Power in August, amid speculation that he will go on to lead Dominion Resources, owner of East Midlands.

Mr Askew will go to Virgin-ia Power in August and hand over the reins of East Midlands to Bob Davies, the current finance director. Mr Askew will be second to Tom Capps, the chairman of Do-minion Resources. When Do-minion bought East Midlands last year, Mr Capps said that a big part of the attraction had been the expertise of its

managers. Mr Askew, who is largely credited for turning around the fortunes of East Midlands.



BY MARIANNE CURPIER

SCRAPPING relief on mortgage interest would add 1.25 per cent to a standard loan and hit five million homebuyers on lower in-comes, lenders said yesterday.

The Council of Mortgage Lenders is concerned that the loss of the relief, known as Miras, will act as a brake on the booming housing market. The organistion has written to Gordon Brown, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, before the forthcoming Budget urging him not to scrap or reduce tax relief on domestic

mortgages. Relief is currently given at 15 per cent on mortgages up to £30,000. The council says that if Miras were abolished it would effectively increase mortgage rates from an average 7 per cent to 8.25 per cent for low income families.

The council said yester-

day that abolishing or cut-

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Farmers in co-op key to creation of Irish dairy giant

FROM EILEEN McCabe IN DUBLIN

THE fate of Avonmore Foods' latest Ir£337 million bid for Waterford lies with 5,500 farmer members of Waterford Co-op. Together they hold a 68 per cent stake in the publicly quoted Waterford Foods, which formally approved the revised merger bid from Avonmore Foods on Monday. This was followed by a Waterford Co-op board meeting, which also approved the creation of Ireland's biggest

dairy company. The merger will have to get the support of 75 per cent of coop members at two extraordinary general meetings in the next two weeks. Yesterday the chairmen of

both Waterford and Avonmore Co-ops and the chief executive of the respective publicly quoted companies said they were confident the package will be approved. Previous merger deals involving co-ops from other parts of the country have managed to get up to 90 per cent approval. if the deal goes ahead, the an annual turnover approaching Ir£2.5 billion. It will process a milk pool of one million gallons, stretching from Wisconsin in the US to Britain and the Republic of Ireland, maklargest dairy company. It will control more than 70 per cent of the liquid milk market in

The new deal involves the exchange of 29 Avonmore shares for 50 Waterford shares, valuing the target share at 142p. Before the merger proposal, Waterford shares were trading at around 75p. The total value of the offer is Ir£337 million. The new offer also gives both co-ops equal representation on the board of the merged co-op. which will retain 55 per cent



Midland Interest Rates for Business Customers

New business rates effective from 28 May 1997

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Up to £2,000	1.00	1.00
£2,000+	1.49	1.50
£10,000+	3.45	3.50

Gross: The rate before the deduction of tax. CAR: Compound Annual Rate, or the true Gross return taking into account the frequency of interest payments. All rates quoted are per annu-With effect from the 6th May 1997 Base Rate has been increased by 0.25% to 6.25% p.a.

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Ethical investment in Ireland

ETHICAL Holdings, the Nasdaq-listed pharmaceutical group, hopes to secure better profit margins on its products after the £14 million acquisition of Clonmel, an Irish manufacturer of generic drugs (Paul Durman writes).

Dr Geoffrey Guy, Ethical's

chairman and chief executive. said contract manufacturers make more money from Ethical's products than the company itself.

Ethical's relationship with Clonmel, which lost Ir £78,000 last year on sales of IrEl2-2 million, extends back to the

1980s, when Dan Tierney, the Irish firm's chairman and controlling shareholder, was chairman of Ethical.

Ethical, which plans to join the London stock market in July, includes hormone replacement therapies among its حكذا من الاصل

Sheffield and Southampton suffer relegation of shares

SPORTING investors were forced to take an early bath holiday weekend reinforced the view of many cynics that football clubs do not make

Sheffield United tumbled 20p to 45p after being condemned to another season away from the lucrative Premiership after losing to Crystal Palace in a dramatic play-off at Wembley. Brokers say the failure to gain promotion to the Premiership will cost the club around £6 million in lost relevision revenue and possible promotions.

It also means Sheffield United will lose part of a bonus scheme included when it came to market via a reverse takeover by Conrad in December. If it can win promotion by the year 2001. It may receive a cash bonus of between £2 million and £5 million.

The departures over the weekend of Graeme Souness. manager, and Lawrie McMenemy, director of football, at Southampton came as a bolt out of the blue and sent shares in the struggling Premiership side sliding lip to 9012p. Southampton has managed to cling on to its Premiership place. but the shares now trade at a discount to their launch price earlier this year.

The rest of the equity market continued to be underpinned by the strength of the financial sector, where the scramble to increase institutional weightings ahead of the Halifax and Norwich Union floats was again driving share prices sharply higher.

Even so, prices closed below their best of the day, partly reflecting early falls among government securities. The FT-SE 100, almost 31 points higher at one stage, saw its lead cut to 19.8 at 4,681.6. Turnover of 607 million shares was on the low side.

Those leading the way higher among the banks were HSBC, 4012p to £18.8412. Barclays, 3212p to £12.71, Abbey National, 12p to 94412p. and Royal Bank of Scotland, 16p to 6281 ap.

News on Monday of Roche's \$11 billion purchase of Bochringer Mannheim Group, the German diagnostics specialist prompted an early markdown of Zeneca. The price touched £18.4712 before rebounding, with the help of a "buy" recommendation from BZW, to close just 2p



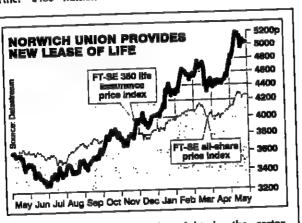
Graeme Souness, who has quit Southampton, down 11p

easier at £18.7612. It had been hoped that Roche would bid for Zeneca and that saw the latter's price fall just short of the £20 mark last week. All the hot money, it seems, is now riding on a bid SmithKline Beecham, 2112p

dearer at £10.6512. Boots rose 12p to 725p on weekend reports that the group is prepared to spend a further £400 million on a

share buyback operation. But National Power eased 3p to 536p after Merrill Lynch, the broker, downgraded its profit

The market gave a lukewarm reception to full-year figures from EMI Group. down 4812p at £11.7212, with brokers expected to downgrade their numbers for the current year. The music publisher plans to return 10 per



THE imminent flotation of Norwich Union is expected to provide the same boost to the life insurance sector that Alliance & Leicester did to the banks. The need for fund managers to increase their weightings to wich float will prompt a scramble that will squeeze

prices sharply higher. As Robin Savage, at Credit Lyonnais Laing, reports, there has already been strong support with Legal & General, up 18p at 481p, and the Prudential Corporation. Ip up at 641 2 p. "As it stands, all the institutions are un-

derweight in the sector. They will find it very difficult to get the number of Norwich shares they would

But that is unlikely to deter fund managers who are expected to press ahead knowing that demand will

far outweigh supply. Savage adds: "On fundamentals, the life assurance sector should be going easier. If it were not for Norwich Union, Laing would

be going underweight."
Running against the trend. Sun Life & Provincial feil 8½p to 314½p on talk of a bid for Equity & Law.

The decision by far eastern airlines to ground Airbus A330 aircraft because of problems with the Trent 700 engine left Rolls-Royce 8p lower at 24212p. Brokers said the problem centres on the gearbox. which is supplied by a German contractor.

Psion was one of the best performing shares among the FT-SE 250, with a rise of 18p to 474p. This follows reports from Canada that the group is on the verge of launching a new powerful hand-held

Terms of an increased offer from Avonmore Foods lifted Waterford Foods, its rival, 25p to 120p. Avonmore's new terms are worth 142p, or Ir £337 million. That compares with the original offer made on April 14, of Ir £281 million. Avonmore responded with a rise of 7p at 225p.

Over on Ofex, Global Communications, the education and information technology specialist, which came to market at 5p, slipped 12p to 18p. Brokers like Gilbert Elliott are forecasting profits of £8 mil-lion, which would give 10p of earnings, and reckons the shares are cheap.

OMI International was unmoved at 20p after a return to the black. Last year the group made a profit of El million compared with a deficit the previous year of £20 million. A cautious statement on

current trading left SEC Group 612cheaper at 149p after a near doubling of profits to £1.9 million.

GILT-EDGED: An early

mark-down was prompted by the first-round result in the French elections that showed a swing to the Left. But prices soon gathered their composure and even shrugged off the strongest US consumer confidence survey for 28 years to close at their best, with losses of just a few ticks on the day.

In the futures pit, the June series of the long gilt railied to close just three ticks off at Elizate as the total number of contracts completed reached 74.000. Treasury 2015 was also three ticks lighter at £1071s, while Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was allsquare at £103.

NEW YORK: Shares were moving off session lows by midday as bonds steadled and the technology_sector gained strength. The Dow Jones in-dustrial average was 1.65 points higher at 7.347.56.

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Closing Prices Page 33 LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

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A dull yellow metal

that it is difficult to imagine how it could get worse. Since February last year when the price peaked at \$414 per ounce it has been in virtual free fall, currently \$344 per ounce. The sentimental might have you believe that the price will soon rocket back to the \$400 level, but there are powerful reasons why they are likely to be wrong. A fundamental change is occurring that could finally transform gold from investment to mere commodity.

Figures from the World Gold Council

suggest the outlook is rosy, with record demand and a surge in the important jewelkery markets of the Middle East and India. Why then is the price looking so fragile? The problem is twofold: demand for gold jewellery is price elastic, the cheaper it is the more people buy, but rising prices kill off

GOLD has been such a disastrous investment that it is difficult to imagine how it could get the demand. The larger issue is the behaviour of central banks. These have become disentent that it is difficult to imagine how it could get the central banks. chanted with gold as a defensive investment and many expect that the consolidation of gold reserves in the European central bank will lead to selling of residual deposits in national central banks. Meanwhile, Swiss banks are expected to sell gold to finance the solidarity fund for war victims of the Nazis.

If rising gold output were a problem, the collapse of the Bre-X mine bubble would have sparked a strong rally, Instead, the price drifts and there are fears it could reach the cost of production, about \$300 an ounce. Gold has lost its status as an inflation hedge in a world where inflation is enemy number one. Logically, its future should be driven by the core market, jewellery consumption. As a store of value, its days are over.

Zeneca-

RUMOURED bids for with Zeneca, generally Roche cast as predator, have brightened many a dull day in the stock market. Curious, then, that Zeneca's shares so easily shrugged off Roche's \$11 billion takeover of Boehringer Mannheim. Assuming that Roche has no further appetite for mega-bids, Zeneca's rating looks

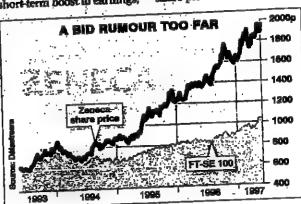
The company has plenty of new products that should ensure it meets its five-year target of delivering average earnings growth of 15 per cent a year. However, the market is convinced that pharmaceuticai giants will consolidate further — a behemoth such as Giaxo Wellcome has only a 5 per cent market share.

The problem is that a bid for Zeneca, or one of its

peers, could financially damage the bidding company. Most of the £20 billion price of Zeneca would have to be written off, or amortised, as goodwill

Just as importantly, the cost savings from merging research and other operations may be difficult to achieve, produce only a short-term boost to earnings,

and carry the risk of serious disruption. The problems that have attended the birth of Pharmacia & Upjohn are said to stem from the clash of Scandinavian and American cultures. Little wonder, then. that Glaxo Wellcome's enthusiasm for big deals appears to have cooled. So too, should the heat in Zeneca's



BAe

BRITISH AEROSPACE shares have performed poorly since the election and investors in the defence sector should be feeling a touch nervous. The Government wants to wrap its policy on arms exports in a human rights envelope. There are two possible consequences: either the ethical envelope smothers arms exports or the pressure to secure sales and jobs causes the Government to lear up the human rights packaging.

Aside from human rights, big defence contractors have lime to tear; the new Govern-ment is nonimitted to the Eurologiter and recognises the importance of £5 billion of defence is a capital intensive industry that creates high technology jobs, the sort Lab lefence exports. Moreover,

On the domestic front, the

cent last year. Labour might cut it further, but the proportion of spending is now equivalent to France, possian important benchmark. Export policy is the bigger risk as the Government will need to show a scalp to demonstrate the serious intent of its human rights policy. Even if it chooses a minor offender to whip, it will send a message to weapons customers that Britain is no longer the wheeling and dealing haven it once was. Rather than undergo a human rights audit, the foreign customers of BAe or Vickers will shop in France or the US.

A NOVELTY is on its way to the stock market. Behold Gremlin Group, a software stock that has actually been profitable for each and every ne past eight years. cret is good housea rare virtue in this

investors, too, could look

industry. Keeping to its budget. Gremlin has not ploughed its cash into a dreamteam working on a one-shot wondergame. Such a policy precludes the chance of windfall profits, but Gremlin has never lost money on a game. It will balance profits from new releases with profits from follow-ups, leaving as little to chance as possible.

The problem could be finding software investors who agree with its philosophy. The sector is one of the most fashion-driven in the market: a female character from Eidos's Tomb Raider game is the cover girl on the current issue of The Face — a style magazine. Her face has become Eidos's fortune.

At £50 million, Gremlin is Eidos's El46 million, but Eidos does not make profits. For anyone seeking the thrill of software while minimising risk, the shares should be worth a punt.

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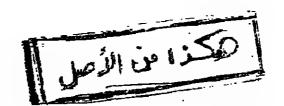
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American music industry hits a low note

rugs, groupies, wanton mistreatment of innocent domestic appliances — pin a record company executive to the wall for long enough, and he or she will eventually admit that, yes, this sort of thing does go on in the business. But there is one secret so terrible that it can never be admitted. It is that the companies have no more idea which artists will sell than the most innocent mug punter.

This is in spine of armies of A&R (artists and repertoire) operatives charged with catching the latest bands and keeping a close hold on youth trends. There are any number of respectable demographic reasons why the American music industry is in a sad state: But, as tacitly admitted in EMI's trading statement yesterday it speaks of "the failure of much US-based repertoire to generate significant international volumes" - at least some of the blame must attach to those A&R executives. They signed the artists, and no one bought them.

One City analyst says: "There are three main drivers to the music business. There's the economy - are there jobs for the young people who buy the music? There's technology - along comes the cassette, or the CD, and there's a blip in sales. And third, there's artistic creativity. A few good bands

Fortunes have been spent on talent-spotting but the

supply of stars has been meagre, says Martin Waller

hit in the same year and that will draw people back into the music shops. But the third driver is the one which is difficult to predict." The age profile in the US is such that the number of 24 to 44-year-olds, the music-buying generation, is falling and will fall further. They are also buying computer games and CD-

Roms, when once there was only the LP. One factor behind the growth of CD sales, from almost nothing in 1983 to 2.1 billion units worldwide last year, was the replacement of vinyl records. And that is now almost over. The US over the past decade has seen a massive surge in new retail space, especially in out-oftown shopping malls. That is bad news for the music industry. First, the retailers were forced to discount to compete. Meanwhile, two electrical goods chains, Circuit City and Best Buy, were selling CDs as loss-leaders. The second factor is more subtle. Many of the music stores built were small, with no space for back

catalogue, a treasured asset for any music company. The recent Beatles Anthologies sold 14 million copies worldwide, but also stimulated sales of the original albums.

The result of all this can be seen in figures from the International Federation of the Phonographic Industry that show US music sales, by value, up just 1.6 per cent last year. A study from Salomon Brothers, the broker, estimates that US sales from 1996 to 2002 will grow annually, by value, by just 4.6 per cent — significantly lower than the 12 per cent seen between 1991 and 1995.

A further problem is a cultural one. American music does not export as well as it once did. Disco swept the world in the Seventies: rap, in spite of being fashionable, remains a black, urban, American form, Country music and Christian music, huge in the home market, mean little overseas. On average, a dollar of sales within the US is worth another 30 cents

outside it for the same release. The trouble has been that EMI, and the other big four music es, have had some lean years in finding new talent in spite of spending fortunes on it or on keeping the old stars.

Warner's \$80 million deal with REM was followed by lukewarm sales for its next CD. EMI has the Spice Girls, but fingers are crossed for what could be the next sensation, the Oxford band Radiohead, whose second CD made its debut at the weekend. The industry has a jokey name for it: "That Difficult Second Album Syndrome". Back to those A&R executives.

These woes are not fatal. But hanging over the global music business like a guillotine blade is electronic distribution. That will allow punters to call up any disc selected from a huge back catalogue into a home entertainment centre and replayed at will. The cost will not approach the £14

or so the product now costs.

Most industry executives write off the danger. least in public. Sir Colin Southgate of EMI said yesterday he would be dust first. But if it does happen, then all those factories, the delivery vans, the shops, the makers of plastic sleeves — all will be redundant. That really will

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Mr Neill knows that such

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Shock-horror rife in the **Euro** markets

European currencies and bonds you will get a feeling of deja vu. The psychiatrists have a phrase for it: the markets are "in denial". The French election didn't really happen; or if it did it was just a rap on the knuckles for M Chirac, and they will return to him in the second round. Or: the National Front holds the key. Their supporters in the 400odd seats where they failed to qualify for the second round will turn to the only other right wing on offer. One way or another, it will be all right on the night.

Plausible, perhaps, but where have we heard such arguments before? After every Tory by-election defeat. that's where. One hapless apologist after another explained that yes, it looked had, but in the real election (for which read "the second round") it would be different. Except that it wasn't. Remember that President Chirac is more comprehensively discredited than ever John Major was: he promised growth, jobs and a new elan (which he is promising again), but delivered recession, unemployment and strikes. Then remember that M Le Pen has urged his followers to vote left where they cannot vote for him

again So there is a case for a Jospin victory but the dealers are ready for that too. Jospin supports the Euro project, too, they tell you; so nothing will really have changed. OK. the markets will be a bit touchy for a time; but that's all, really. Anything, in short, rather than face the possibility that something really has changed. And if you are tempted to call this wishful reasoning pathetic remember that if you had been convergence play in Euro-pean bonds for a couple of years, you too would be reluctant to believe that the

fun might be over. Even if you did believe it, you wouldn't say so - not if you were busy taking out options to hedge against the worst. One or two can hedge; a crowd can only stampede - or sit tight with fingers firmly crossed. So don't ask a dealer for a

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politics: ask somebody who has less at stake. So what, realistically, might a Jospin victory mean? First, and most surely, that the measures which the unhappy Alain Juppe regarded as essential to make France ready for the EMU will not be taken. France would then qualify under the Maastricht rules only if they were most flexibly interpreted.

Of course, Germany is in very much the same fix, so this would not itself be a market shock. The exchange markets have for some time been discounting a soft Euro. It got a shade softer in the market on Monday; if Jospin wins, still softer. This would not alarm the French left, which has argued all along that what it favours is a "monetary union for growth and jobs". But it might alarm the Germans. who are reminded every

time they unroll their beach towels that the mark is not what it used to be. Nor will they be happy with M Jospin's second proposition: that the Euro

should be as broadly based as possible, which means that it must include Italy The Germans have an odd neurosis about the word "Italy", which has been kept under control so far by an Augustinian compromise -Italy can be virtuous, but not just yet. But Italy already looks better qualified for EMU than Germany. The compromise might not survive a Jospin push.

enough to derail the EMU train? The European bond markets say "probably not": yield differentials have widened only slightly. This is the conclusion Chancellor Kohl would favour. He has nationalism - and believes EMU would keep the beast chained. For him the project is about peace and at almost any price, one suspects. Other Germans see it differently: the big companies moving outside the EU. for example. Jospin could mobilise German opposition to this German project. Unlikely perhaps but quite enough uncertainty to make any dealer think evasively.

Unipart university offers a lead on welfare-to-work training

Philip Bassett

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looks at a

company that could be the

model for Labour plans

y the base of a bleak block of flats called Windrush Tower, just across the road from a huddle of shops of which only the chippie is showing signs of life, a group of teenagers is hanging around. Nothing to do, doing nothing. One eyes a circling car warily. Another gives a V-sign. This is the Blackbird Leys

housing estate, in east Oxford — four miles and a world away from the university town. Crime, vandalism, drugs: Blackbird Leys has them all.

A few years ago, riots broke out on the estate as youths stole cars, handbrake-turn racing them round the rough streets. Now there are traffic calmers laid every few metres on every

swath through Blackbird Leys. At 5.9 per cent, joblessness in Oxford is just below the national average. In Biackbird Leys, the figure runs at 9.6 per cent — higher still for the

Barely half a mile away. inside a high-tech, computerdriven presentation suite, John Neill starts talking at 9 am. At 12.30, he stops. His audience is exhausted. But the chief executive of Unipart, the components group, is asking if anyone wants any more.

This is Unipart U, the motor company's in-house training centre, a. £4 million investment, offering the company's 4,000plus employees 180 different courses to help them in their work. Unipart's programmes, and in particular their empha-sis on the quality of training. are precisely the programmes Labour has in mind in its welfare-to-work new deal training and job schemes, which will form the centrepiece of the Budget. The Windrush Tower teenagers are the type of excluded youngsters at whom the new deal programmes are

Robin Cook, the Foreign



Unipart workers have to attend an introductory course at the company's in-house training centre near Oxford

Secretary, will today emphasise the importance of the Government's welfare-to-work programme while talking about jobs in Europe.

The Government needs specific examples of how such grand strategies can be put into practice. Ford's EDAP scheme is one. Rover's Learning Business training programme another. But Unipart's initiatives may well be the best, as Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, told the CBI last week: Many large companies have introduced training and education to the work place. Unipart have led the way, with their own university, Unipart U." Mr Neill's 3½-hour perfor-

mance to company employees on the introductory philosophy and principles course, which all have to attend, is a tour-deforce. Computer graphics, videos, team exercises, audience questions are all deployed in a sustained effort to convince people of Unipart's Japanesespired way of doing things. Previous course participants

have included Sir Terence Burns, Permanent Secretary at the Treasury, 60 of his senior civil servants, Chris Woodhead, the Ofsted education chief, and Will Hutton, editor

of The Observer. One of the most striking elements in the presentation is a video clip of children in a Hong Kong classroom, with six-year-olds mental arithmetic easily outperforming the best financial calculator-punchers. For Mr Neill, this solution — the primacy of human capital — is the only one for Britain in the worldwide fight for business competitiveness, and it is what lies behind his obsession with the

importance of training. To improve the company's human capital, Unipart U hums with features beyond the wildest imaginings of most people who work in factories. In company time, young men and women pump from in a high-tech. El million fitness centre. Under a "Beauty for Men" programme, Unipart's male employees can, for £25, get the benefit of a 45-minute fruit peel to cleanse their skin. In a computer centre, they can improve their IT skills. Unipart estimates that Unipart U has so far added 55 million to its

All this seems completely removed from the grim world of Blackbird Leys. Mr Neill insists that it is not, and that side-by-side with such high-level training, Unipart offers, for instance, remedial adult literacy programmes for some of its employees. The quality of our secondary education system here in the UK is abysmal," he said.

r Neill is holding back on judging the Govern-I ment's welfareto-work programme, "The devil will be in the detail," he says. Unipart as a company is unlikely to be much persuaded by Labour's plans to offer £60 and £75-a-week susbsidies to employers for taking on young and long-term unemployed re-spectively. The company says that if it wants to hire someone in whom it sees potential, it will do so, regardless of inducecommunity programmes, in-cluding a childcare scheme in Blackbird Leys, its initiatives are similar to those of the Government

That touches a curious puzzle in Mr Neill. In all he does at Unipart, in his emphasis on long-term action rather than City short-termism, on training, on the importance of people, on ideas, on thinking, and especially on his central vision of stakeholding, Mr Neill's language and opera-tions are wholly in line with Labour. Indeed, he has even claimed to be the direct source of Tony Blair's pre-election use

of the term "stakeholding". Yet Mr Neill combines this with fervent support for the Conservatives — support so fervent, that it led not just to open pro-Tory declarations during the election campaign.

But that does not prevent him from being characteristically forceful about companies' social responsibilities, such as tackling unemployment, poor education and non-existent training: "We can't shut our eyes and say it's not our problem. It is our problem — a very serious problem for us all in the medium term. Attempting to deal with such problems, both

> done while improving performance and competitiveness.
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> Leaving aside the curiously ill-fitting political overlay of its chief executive, its achievements - especially in the area of job programmes and training - might well make it, as the Chancellor indicated, an ideal model company for Labour. And that might bring some hope to the teenagers hanging round the chip shop in Blackbird Leys as well as to Britain generally, as the Gov-ernment readies its Budget

within and outside its own walls, is what Unipart has

proposals to get people off

his earlier departure is the appointthent from within Channel 4 of Michael Jackson, the other one, that is, Grade will now not have to sit around while someone from outside

works out their contract. He is going out in style, though. This weekend Channel 4 features an evening devoted entirely to various sexual perversions and a series of Swedish blue movies from the 1970s, bought in specially as his swansong. Actually, I made that last bit up, continuing an honourable tradition. among the tabloid press at least. when reporting on Grade.



Michael Grade is joining First Leisure from Channel 4 next

GTech rollover

THE wheel of fortune turns, and ing chairman. Those who recall the turns again. Guy Snowden, the American lottery magnate being sued for libel by Richard Branson, is stepping back from day-to-day management at GTech, the sometimes controversial US lottery company that provides the technical know-how to our own dear National Lottery. Now 51 and immensely rich, Snowden steps down in July as chief executive officer, handing the reins to William O'Connor, 53, but remain-



"What I really, really, want is to find another band as big as the Spice Girls to pay for all this

row with Branson - he accused Snowden of trying to bribe him to stay out of the lottery race - should not read too much into the move. GTech says the change has been planned since O'Connor joined in 1994, and allows Snowden to take on a more strategic role. Snowden strongly denies the bribery allega-tions, due to be aired in court next month but now pushed back until early next year.

● AN INVITATION arrives from KPMG. "With Gordon Brown's special Budget fast approaching" we are urged to attend a special tax presentation. Unfortunately, since the invite was posted Gordon Brown's special Budget has fast receded, and is now a small dot in the middle distance. I ring KPMG to tease them. "Obviously you've never heard of the concept of irony," they sniff.

Sales grab

WHAT looks like a classic example of that fine institution, the City poach, has been carried out by Oppenheimer International, the London arm of Oppenheimer & Co of the US. It has tempted the US equity sales team from among the survivors crouching



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gate offices after the arrival of Morgan Stanley. Unimpressed with the new culture, the seven-strong team has escaped from the "merger" with Dean Witter announced a few weeks ago. The move was organised by Nick Robinson, who was a senior salesman at Dean Witter and, scenting something was in the wind, actually talked to Oppenheimer a couple of months before the merger. He and Jonathan Denham become senior vice-presidents there, and Michael Shorthouse, head of sales trading for Dean Witter in the UK, takes up the same post at their new billet.

KEN BERRY, appointed to sort out uncle, next Monday. The reason for

the mess at EMI in the States, is a fitting subordinate to Croesus-rich Jim Fifield. He is still remembered for his speech when Virgin, his original employer, was sold to EMI, which went something like: "We are all very, very sad. However, some of us are also very, very rich." His hobby? Collecting Aston Martins.

Projected move MERRILL LYNCH is sticking to the

line that the decision on its new headquarters has yet to be made, but at least three of Britain's biggest builders are going to be very angry if it is not the old Royal Mail sorting office on King Edward Street. A report in the excellent Building magazine says Taylor Woodrow, Bovis and Mace have won through to the shortlist to redevelop the site. The architect for the £100 million development is an American firm. Swanke Hayden Connell, and Merrill is flying over a hot-shot project manager from New York to make sure the Limeys mix the right sort of cement.

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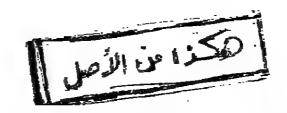
WHO knows how many impressionable minds may have been saved? Britain's "pornographer-in-chief" is to give up peddling his unspeakable filth two months early. Michael Grade joins First Leisure Corpora-tion, the family firm founded by his



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David Crawford introduces a special report on the strength of inward investment and relocation services in Britain

All's fair and square

or the first time, 1997 is due to see all the UK's regions operating on a level playing field when it comes to attracting inward investment. The opening on April 1 of the East of England Investment Agency (EELA), and the planned startup by the end of the year of the equivalent South East Regional Investment Office (SERIO). after London First, will complete the coverage of the UK map with Government-funded support agencies.

Acting as the regional arms of the Department of Trade and Industry's Invest in Britain Bureau, these agencies play a crucial role. In 1996, for example, the UK secured 482 inward investment successes, spread round the country. which represent the creation of 47,802 jobs and a further total of 97.087, up on the previous year's figure of 92,209.

Leading sources of invest-ment were the US (40.979 jobs), Germany (10,236) and Japan (7,732). Evidence of Japanese confidence in the UK comes from such significant sushita's decision to spend £75 million on modernising its plant at Port Talbot, South Wales, where it plans to

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produce nine million car radios a year by 2001; and automotive component manufacturer Koyo UK's commitment to double the size of its distribution base on Commission for the New Towns land in Milton

Against the background of successes like these, however, supposedly affluent regions have been missing out in an increasingly competitive marketpiace. Despite, for example, the presence of more than 1,400 foreign-owned com-panies, including Hewlett Packard and Toshiba, the east of England has recently been attracting only 3 per cent of

by the UK. The current three-year challenge for EEIA chief executive James Gray, backed by well

over £1 million per year in funding, is to achieve an 8 per cent share in tune with the region's share of UK population and GDP. Coming from the Northern Ireland Industrial Development Board, where Mr Gray was responsible for international marketing and investment, the challenge should be well within his

In SERIO, a key area of

concern for the chairman Tim Evans, who recently retired as deputy chairman of engineer-ing giant Foster Wheeler, is leakage from the Thames Val-ley. The consequent loss of growth-related benefits, as well as attracting new employ-ment, is a balancing act which all the UK's inward investment agencies are anxious to be seen performing well; London First Centre, for example, estimates that internationat investment confirmed in the capital last year will safeguard nearly 1,200 existing jobs as

well as creating over 2,400. Meanwhile, office decentralisation from Central London has now reached an interesting stage where the pattern until the end of the decade is likely to be one of a handful of moves involving large numbers of jobs. The pattern was set in 1996, when a record low of just seven decentralisations meant the displacement of more than twice as many jobs as in the previous year.

Half of these were accounted for by the Ministry of Defence Procurement Executive relocation to Bristol, and another quarter by British Telecom shifting 1,400 jobs to Stockley Park, near Heathrow Airport, as part of its continuing programme of premises organisation. Closer in, London Docklands added to its high-profile scalps with Trade indemnity's decision to transfer nearly 500 jobs from

space abandoned in these moves split almost equally between the City and West End, with Chris Joliffe, the Jones Lang Wootton research partner, warning that evidence of future decentralisation intentions points to a disproportionately larger loss for the City as some major financial players put their relocation plans into effect". This threat is, however, already being compensated for by Chesterton's finding that ten major US financial groupings, including invest-ment banks Goldman Sachs and Merrill Lynch, are cur-

rently looking for an additional 1.4 million sq ft of space up nearly two thirds on their present occupancy figures.
The main benefits of outward moves continue to be western areas of Greater London and the southeast. An interesting new phenomenon, however, is the resistance to decentralising tendencies of specialist submarkets such as the publishing and design

and the trade concentration in the El postal district. Underlying these shifts, the relocation industry is becoming increasingly sophisticated. Recognising the growing im-portance of personal factors. for example, Hambro Countrywide Relocation and property consultants Hillier Parker have joined forces to create LOCATE, an integrated consultancy formed to manage the relocation of both people

quarter of Covent Garden.

and premises. Again, industry professionals like Oliver Jones of business centre operators Regus sees advances in communications technology and video conferencing as calling into question the need for traditionaliy large, long-term space

"In all sectors," he says, tenants want space in the right, but potentially chang-ing, locations on flexible terms, reflecting their



Welcoming Sumitomo: Elfed Evans, of the WDA, and Taiji Oku, of SEI Interconnect Products (UK)

ndustries flock to Wales

ttracting inward invest-ment is becoming a more and more competitive business. Ten years ago, there were fewer development agencies and more large

scale relocation projects.

But today, as the Welsh Development Agency's inter-national director, Hilary Hendy, puts it: "We are hav-ing to run faster to stand still. "Central and Eastern Euro-

pean countries are increasingly appearing on relocating companies' shortlists. And the Government's plan to establish development agencies in the regions of England will make competition even more intense. Already, without them, there are 650-odd agencies in Europe chasing inward

Despite this, however, Wales continues to make progress, 1996-97 was a record year, dominated by Far Eastern relocations. In January, for example, Sumitomo of

Port Talbot, creating 80 jobs. And in February, Hoya invested £10 million to double the capacity of its plastic speciacle lens facility at Wrexham.

This trend is expected to continue in 1997-98. Koreanowned suppliers are being encuraged to move to Wales in the wake of L. G., and more resident Japanese companies are expected to expand.

Toyota has unveiled a £60 million investment that will double the capacity of its Desside engine plant. And Matsushita is developing a \$13 million car andio manufacturing operation at Port Talbot that will create 285 new jobs.
The Pacific Rim is further

represented by Cortex, the Australian medical company, which is establishing a £600,000 diagnostic kits manufacturing facility in North Wales. This year we also expect an increase in interest from Europe and the United more active in relocation terms," Hilary Hendy says.

Growth in activity from these regions emerged during the final quarter of 1996-97 when 13 out of the 17 inward investment projects came from Europe and America.

They include European car components manufacturers and six American componies. whose products range from aeroplanes to chemicals. Together they have injected £79 million into the economy and They include a company new to the UK, Gate Spa of

Italy, which announced a £2 million radiator factory at Liantrisant that will create 50 jobs supplying laguar and

The largest European com-pany to expand in Wales during the period was Valeo of France. It invested £14 million in its automotive heating and air-conditioning production plant near Swanista, creating 179 new jobs.

The largest expansion from the United States was Ford's £25 million: project, which

1.000 staff at Swansea. Foreign-owned firms have transformed the Welsh econo-

my. But much of that growth. is taking place in the southeast and northeast. To enable the remoter western regions to benefit similarly, former Welsh Secretary William Hague set the WDA the target of establishing 50 per cent of all new jobs away from the M4 and A55 corridors. That target was achieved during the first four months of 1997.

Manufacturing is the main focus of inward investors, but this year growth is also expected in services such as call centres. But what we would reality like to attract is a car assembly plant," Mrs Hendy

Wooing one of those from the Pacific Rim would be the ultimate achievement for the WDA as it gears itself up for the even more competitive world of the 21st century.

Iola Smith

Scotland welcomes flood of investment

In 1995-96 Locate in Scotland, the inward investment arm of Scottish Enterprise and the Scottish Office, attracted 84 projects, involving planned investment of more than

£981 million. The total for the present year, which will be known later this month, must exceed that, purely from Hyundai's massive project. Hyundai Semiconductor Europe's semiconductor facility, which began construc-tion in March on a 150-acre site at Halbeath, Dunfermline, involves an investment of £l billion and the creation of 1,000 new jobs in the first phase, while the second phase will

bring a further £1.4 billion investment and 1,000 jobs.

The Hyundai deal highlights one of the recent trends spotted by Locate in Scotland. Martin Togoeri, its director, says: We, like Wales, have made a breakthrough with the Korean market. The Koreans have been in Europe for some time, and Northern Ireland has attracted them, but there has been a step-up in interest in Scotland. That in turn has helped to build momentum with Par Eastern nations other than Japan."

Scotland has achieved a strong share, for example, of Taiwanese investment in the UK. In the last year

arrivals included Chunghwa Picture Tubes with a E260 million project bringing 3,300 new jobs to Lanarkshire: Lite-On Technology Corporation, the world's

computer monitor manufacturer, whose plant at Mossend in Lanarkshire will create more than 1000 jobs. in the next two years; and Allied Precision Company (UK) Ltd with a plant, also at Mossend, to supply metal components to Changhwa Picture Tubes.

The second feature of recent months is the strength of the service sector, which Mr Togneri expects, after a downward blip last year, to continue to grow in the long term. It includes a number of shared service centre projects, centralising dispension

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in Glasgow, the Ohio based Eaton Corporation, manufacturer of highly engineered products, is to set up a

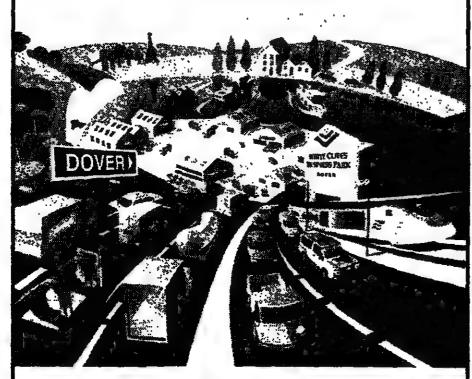
Christopher Warman on a spectacular year north of the border ... or creating 100 protessional

These reflect one of the main attractions of Scotland - its highly educated workforce. Scotland produces the highest number of gradusies per capita overall in the EU.

For Mr Togneri, the future is bright, and he does not expect any fall in demand because of the change of government. The vast majority of mivesters are long in the tooth multi-national companies which are well used to operating in a wide variety of government and tax regimes. If there are changes in specific policies to-wards industry they they will work within those change

"As for devolution, the topic has European shared imance services " scarcely been mentioned," he says.

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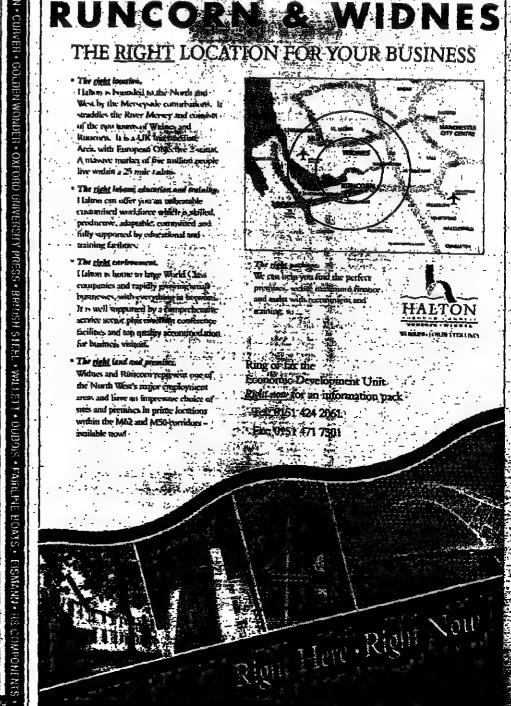
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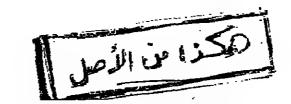
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Regional wheels of fortune

Craig Seton on the car

industry's attraction to the UK

The English regions are likely to make substantial progress over the next five years in winning a bigger share of inward investment into the UK by overseas companies, according to Anthony Dunnett, chief executive of English Partnerships, the Government-sponsored re-

generation agency.
Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland are considered to have competed. more effectively than England for inward investment through having strong and coordinated regeneration agencies, but Mr Dunnett predicts the tide is turning. "In the past three or four years England and its re-



Ford's new Jaguar car plant in Birmingham

gions have been redressing the balance. Compared with the rest of the UK, we have got our act together."

Based on its share of the UK population, he says England should have about 75 to 80 per cent of the investment into the UK. That should be achieved. within the next five years an improvement of up to 16.

Most regions now have regeneration agencies forged through public and private alliances that have established strong contacts with English Partnerships and organisations such as the Invest in Britain Bureau to attract - relocation

Mr Dunnett points to the substantial reinvestment decisions being taken by in the regions, especially in the automotive industry.

English Partnerships played an influential role in Ford's decision for a £400 million expansion of its laguar subsidiary's plant in ' Birmingham for a new model, and the project by BMW, owner of the Rover Group, for a £400 million engine plant at Hams Hail

Toyota is investing £200 million at Burnaston, Der-

byshire; Nissan a similar amount in Sunderland, model; and Honda is expanding in Swindon, Wiltshire, by 50 per cent. The carmakers are a magnet to component suppliers relo-

cating to English sites.

The agency, though, is concerned to overcome a dearth of market-ready sites for inward investors in the regions. It has its own property and land in redevelopment areas and is also working with regional development organisations and local authorities to identify and process other locations suitable for complex production plants.

The agency has a strate-gic sites database and plans to introduce its own "Kite mark" system for locations ready for development.

One of its close partners, the Commission for the New Towns (CNT), owns some of the country's largest strategic sites, including the 400-acre Omega site at Warrington, Lancashire Its life has been extended to help it to dispose of land formerly owned by the Government's urban development corporations, which

are being wound up.
While acknowledging the value of job-creating flagship projects, he wants smaller "unsung" regeneration schemes to be

recognised. Three Korean electronic and electrical engineering companies, for instance, will create 150 jobs at an enterprise zone in the Dearne Valley, south Yorkshire...

A hundred new jobs will be available when Hitachi opens its European automotive parts plant in Bolton, Lancashire. Chestertons, the property consultants, adds that the proposed second runway at Manchester International Airport will boost the region's relocation

York has established a critical mass of 1,500 people working in biosciences, in-cluding researchers at the Smith and Nephew centre on York Science Park and

Lincolnshire is planning a business park, and 100 jobs are being created at by Stadeo Takao Europe, a joint English-Japanese

Tees Valley Development Corporation is promoting the area's abundance of water supplies for industri-

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ondon and the South East of England is the most attractive area both for inward investment and for relocation within the UK. Nevertheless, there are huge variations within the region. and large movements within the economy. For example, the Regency town of Brighton has one of the highest indices of social deprivation in Britain, while Thanet is the only area in the South East with assisted area status.

On the other hand, the Thames Valley is happy to deter new business and consolidate what it has to protect its environment. At the same time. Kent is aggressively marketing its

While London still exports jobs within the region to the state-of-theart campuses like Stockley Park, near Heathrow, and Kings Hill in Kent, it is more than holding its own against centres like Paris and Frankfurt in the financial services sector. Nearly a third of the Fortune Global 500 companies are represented in London, more than any other European city. It has 541 foreign banks -

more than any other city in the world. Last year, 17,429 jobs were either created in the South East or were protected. The capital itself attracted

executive of Serplan, the planning body responsible for London and the South East, says: "The region is generally buoyant. But we are also looking at restraint in the M4

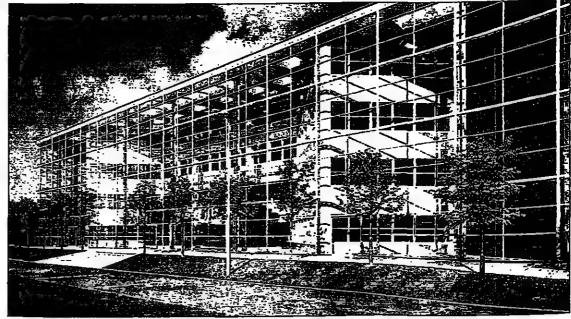
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corridor and activity in Kent."

The new authority for Greater
London, proposed by the Government, will aim to attract inward investment. The new regional development agencies will also play a

But it remains to be seen whether a new authority will prove more effective than London First, the body composed of private sector com-panies and local councils. A total of £4 billion is being invested in the capital's leisure industries alone in the run-up to Millennium 2000. The decision to site the millennium celebrations in London appears to have given the economy a boost. For example, 9,500 hotel bedrooms are to be built between 1995 and 2000.

Last year only seven firms moved out of London, a record low according to Jones Lang Wootton, the estate agents. Nevertheless, the financial and professional services sector accounts for a third of all jobs recently removed from London. Many are moving to the business campuses.



Stockley Park, a state-of-the-art business campus near Heathrow, still attracts relocating companies

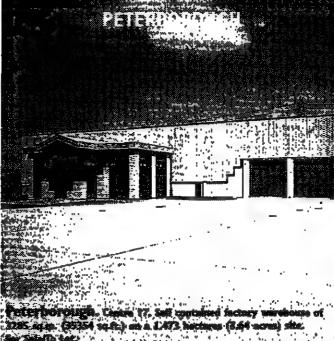
A recent survey by Black Horse Relocation Services found that, for the first time, the capital was the favoured place for relocation within the UK. Mr Richard Day, director of Black Horse, says: "Aggressive mar-keting by London First means that London has attracted more than 27

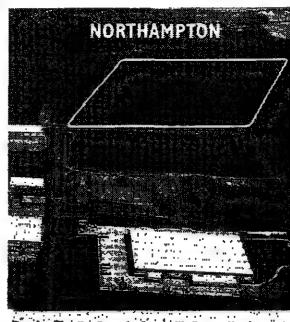
major relocations over two years. Mr Andrew Gould, partner in Jones Lang Wootton, says: "Many of the Government's last policies are coming on stream. The Thames Gateway, for example, is proving a success. We are seeing major companies moving into Kent into areas like Kings Hill Business Park. If Stockley Park was the business location of the 1980s, then Kings Hill

is its equivalent in the 1990s." Meanwhile, proposals for urban dispersal in the South East have been boosted by the announcement from David Curry, the former Local Government Minister, that the Commisresponsible for land sales in Milton Keynes and other new towns, will have an extended life. It had been due to wind up at the end of March next

The Milton Keynes town centre is about to undergo a multimillionpound refurbishment. By 2000, Mil-ton Keynes will be one of the biggest cities in Britain with a population of more than 175,000. However, Kent is probably the fastest-growing area in sion for the New Towns, which is

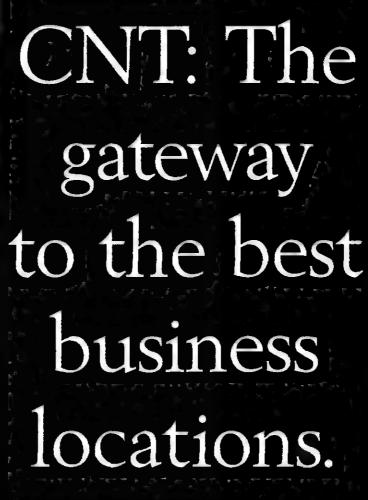


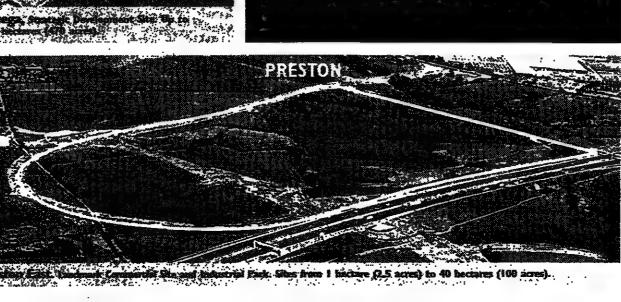


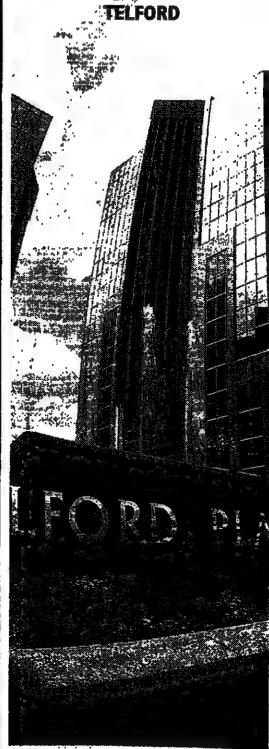


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Rent or buy royal-style on the Riviera

hen the Duchess of York was caught with John in St Tropez five years ago, she probably didn't realise that another disgraced British royal had found a similar holiday retreat on the Riviera nearly half a century earlier.
The fading blue-black ink in

a visitors' book at the Trident, perched prettily on a cliff on the Côte d'Azur near Mandelieu, bears witness to a spring holiday taken by Edward VIII and Mrs Simpson after his abdication. "Wallis Windsor" signed first on April 27, 1946, with "Edward" scribbled underneath.

The villa is now one of several luxurious Riviera homes available to rent or buy through a company run by a Briton. Richard Wolf, former Royal Navy officer, tailor, salesman and yacht chandler, runs Riviera Retreats from the picturesque town of Valbonne and can provide a millionaire's lifestyle to anyone with enough money — or friends. Most of the villas are enormous and generally sleep between eight and 12 people, and often up to 20. If enough people share, a holiday need not be prohibitively expensive compared with the cost of hotels in the region.

Buying a property is another matter. If you want to own a home within shoulderrubbing distance of Michael Schumacher, Phil Collins or the nouveaux riches Russian mafia, you need megamoney. The French property market has been slow for the past year or so and many owners wishing to sell are letting their homes until a buyer comes along. This means that anyone tempted to buy can often get a taste of prospective homes by

The villas are stylish and lavishly decorated. The film

director Michael Apted is try-ing to sell his five-bedroom villa at Plascassier, near Grasse. But until a dispute with a neighbour is resolved over land in which his swimming pool is set, Apted is letting the house through Riviera Retreats for Fr25.000 (£2,580) a week in high season. A million miles in spirit from Apted's Gorky Park, the villa has breathraking views and a

mezzanine-style library. The villa visited by Edward VIII and Mrs Simpson sleeps eight and can be rented in high season for Fr47,000. The house, which has a spectacu-lar swimming pool perched

> Edward and Mrs Simpson are in the visitors' book

like a lavish soapdish on the cliffs overlooking the Mediterranean, was used by the French Resistance during the Second World War and still bears a bullet-scarred mirror in a hallway as evidence.

Villa rents are reduced by 30 per cent in June and Septem-ber, and from October to May can usually be had for 50 per cent of the July and August high-season rates.

One of the most stunning villas for sale through Riviera Retreats is a six-bedroom home with breathtaking views across rolling hills to the sea. The villa, at St-Paul-de-Vence. is 20 minutes drive from Nice airport and 15 minutes' drive from the nearest beach at Cagnes-sur-Mer. The house,

It sleeps 12 and can be rented for Fr46,000 a week in high Riviera Retreats recently found a seven-bedroom home for a client — a sprawling villa Chateauneuf Plascassier, where Edith Piaf

in high season.

cooks Fri00 an hour.

One of the most serene villas

on Riviera Retreats' books is a

six-bedroom, newly built house on a hillside at

Tourrette-sur-Loup, between the towns of Grasse and

Vence. The house, with heated

swimming pool, has been built

using traditional materials

and is in one of the most

unspoilt corners of the region.

spent her final years. The villa, with large swimming pool and billiards room, was severely run-down and sold at auction for Fr3.5 million after being originally put on the market for Fr20 million. The house is being renovated and should be available to rent from August at Fr35.000-

• For information, contact Riviera Retreats on 00 33 4 9312 3400, or fax 00 33 4 9312 3401.



The villa at Tourrette-sur-Loup overlooks a river valley in one of the Riviera's least developed areas. It can take 12 and features a heated pool



Anna Tattersail: "If you pull out, you lose your deposit"

Sans survey, sans gazump

BUYING or selling a home in France can seem a daunting prospect. Anna and Simon Tattersall, who are selling a house in Putney and a villa in the South of France to buy a larger home at Mougins on the Riviera, have discovered that one of the most startling aspects is that few French people have surveys undertaken before

Furthermore, once you have agreed to a sale figure and paid a 10 per cent deposit, the penalties for pulling out of the deal there after are high.

"You can't gazump." says Anna. "When you agree to buy you sign a compromis de vente and the deposit will be lost if you break that." Transaction costs are also very high, say the Tattersalls.

Eve-Ann Prentice hears about the

differences when making French

Agents fees are 5 per cent of the transaction price and you have to pay 10 per cent of the [transaction] price in not-aire's [lawyer's] fees and taxes on older properties. Find a good notaire, they all cost about the same."

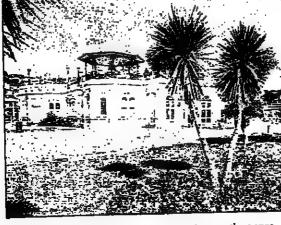
The Tattersails did not have a survey taken at the villa they are now selling when they first bought it, but are doing so at the home they

"It is not like in the UK and the French hardly ever have surveys done," says Anna "It is difficult to find someone to do a survey, but we have found a Briton who does them and I have faith in

It is also important to The Tattersalls discovered that they would be liable to pay extra taxes at their large. new home because of the amount of land that went with it. "We were advised to build a garage or some other permanent structure. You are only allowed to have a certain amount of land with each building, but any permanent structure counts as a second building and thereby doubles the amount of land you can have without incurring the extra fees."

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CHANGING TIMES

Building towards the future It is projected 4.4 million new houses will owns should be allowed to spill

into green belts, and housing should be built round out-ofbe needed in 20 years' time, but where are town shopping centres so that the precincts become the centres of new they to be built? Christine Webb reports towns, the House-Builders' Federation (HBF) is expected to suggest in its response to the Household Growth Green Paper next Wednesday. within cities then that environment becomes even worse. We want people to come back, but until you correct

in, people won't want to."

The slackening of London's green belt could be a relief to some of the

Home Counties local authorities,

who are struggling to fulfil their

obligation to earmark suitable hous-

ing sites. They were given targets to meet by John Gummer, the last

Government's Environment Minis-

ter, who launched the Green Paper in

the hope of provoking a national

debate. He recognised that doing nothing about the projected 4.4

million new households that will be

needed within 20 years, was not an

option. It is likely that the federation

agrees. Unless about 200,000 new

The federation's response to the last Government's Green Paper, Household Growth - Where Shall We Live?, is expected to recommend that planning policy guidance is changed so that green belts, which have constrained development for 50 years, can be moved to allow towns to expand organically outwards.

The federation feels that some

green belt land is already tarnished by the towns it serves and is no longer true countryside. It would therefore be more logical for towns to colonise these tainted areas. Developing green-belt land would be a sustainable option, it believes, since it could make use of existing infrastructure, especially the public transport systems, and preserve real greenfield

There is likely to be fierce opposition to such a move, and opponents will probably point out that it is in house builders' interests to build as close to existing towns as possible thus cutting the considerable cost of new roads, sewerage and other services, not to mention schools or other amenities that developers often have to fork out for in return for

planning consent. To help to save countryside from being built on, the last Government recommended that 60 per cent of all new housing should go on disused or brownfield sites. But the federation believes this is impossible because brownfield sites are not conveniently distributed in the areas needing the

highest household growth. In any case, said lan Roxburgh, managing director of George Wimpey Strategic Land Management: "About 7 per cent of people who lived in urban areas ten years ago have left because of the quality of life there, and if ou try to cram houses into what's left of the open spaces

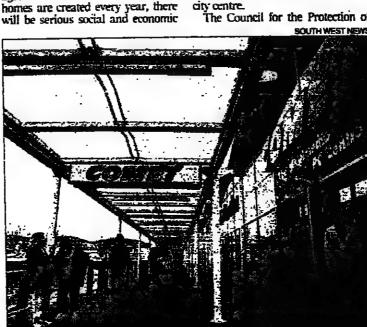
national consequences, it says. Mr Gummer was clear that priority should be given to sustainability — minimising our use of energy and crime, noise and education problems resources, especially in travel to and and make these places better to live

> which end he emphasised the merit of living over the shop". With this in mind, the HBF will probably put forward the idea of promoting house building round the

from work, shops and leisure - to

out-of-town shopping centres.
In some cases this could be an inspired way of accommodating new homes, and the facilities their owners will need, with minimal impact. For example, Cribbs Causeway, north of Bristol, is attracting so many businesses out of the city centre, where they are being strangled by lack of parking and difficult access, that it has already been talked of as a new city centre.

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The solution: out-of-town shopping centres such as Cribbs Causeway

Rural England claims there are more than 1,100 of these traffic generating schemes on the periphery of towns, many of which could make new urban cores. Housing and other facilities could also be piggy-backed on to out-of-town business parks, theoretically cutting the need for car

The federation will also ask the Government to review the role of the Commission for New Towns and its land holdings. Its years were numbered by the last Government, although the New Towns legislation has not been repealed, and the federation is known to be anxious to. preserve its expertise.

Michael Breheny, Professor of Applied Geography at Reading University, said: "Reviewing the green-belt legislation has become quite. fashionable, because people have suggested green belts induce longer journeys to work. It was assumed that people would live and work within the green belts, whereas now people commute across them - the overall effect has been to increase fuel

"We could look for poshing the outer boundaries of green belts out as well as the inner boundaries, so you end up with no net loss of green belt. There's no doubt that in some cases the green belt is really a brown belt. though in others it's genuine countryside. There is an idea to make green wedges so we build linear developments along roads or railways and

retain countryside in between... The idea of turning retail parks into town centres is a novel one. If they are important centres of public. transport, the logic of this holds up

The current Government has not indicated its view, but is likely to listen with interest to subtrassions during the current period of consultation, even though it was launched by the Tories, since few now disagree that the household projection of 4.4 million is the best forecast to work to: This suits the HBF as next week's paper is really its manifesto, and is ven called: An Agenda for a New

A FORMER rectory in the heart of television's Ballykissangel country is to be auctioned in Dublin next Thursday. Avoca Lodge, dating from 1860, stands in about ten acres of land on the edge of the village of Avoca, in Co Wicklow, where the Ballykissangel television series is set. The lodge, with four bedrooms and a self-contained three-bedroom flat, has been extensively refurbished and has a guide price of £325,000. There is an all-weather tennis court, outbuildings including a double garage and stable block and a paddock with river frontage. Details from Ganly Walters, 37 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin, tel 00 3531 662 3255.

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A house in the Scottish Highlands where Queen Mary, George V's future wife, was nursed back to health, is on the market at £133.000. As Princess May of Teck, the future Queen Mary was treated by a Dr Fox at the house, Maybank, which he built in 1886 in Strathpeffer. The Princess went there to recuperare after the death of George's brother, Albert, Duke of Clarence, to whom she was originalbetrothed. Details from Finlayson Hughes, Inverness, tel 01463 224343.

House prices in Scotland have risen by 5.4 per cent in a year, according to the quarterly housing index of the Royal Bank of Scotland. The figure reinforces evidence of a North-South house price divide, however, with prices in Scotland and the North of England rising less than in London and the South East. The survey, covering the first quarter of this year, showed that the average Scottish house price is just over £58,000, compared with £55,035 in the first quarter of 1996. The highest annual growth was in Aberdeen, where prices were 6.4

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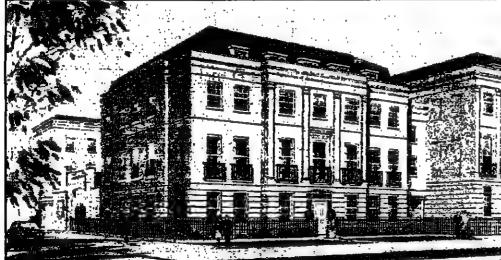
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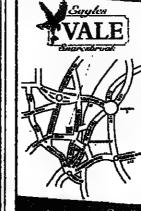
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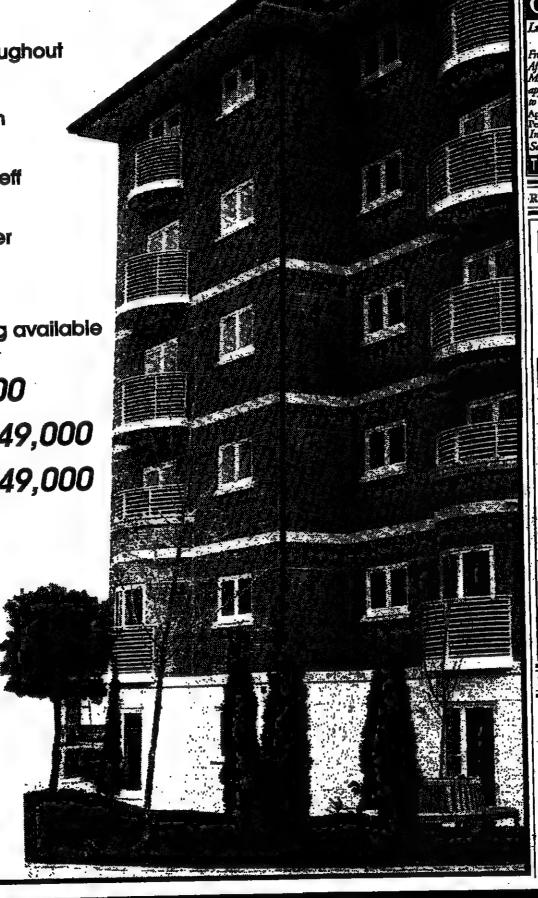
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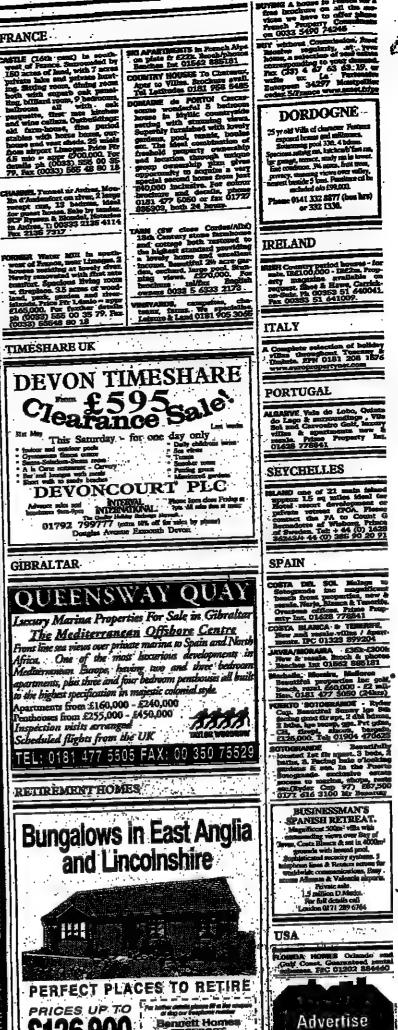
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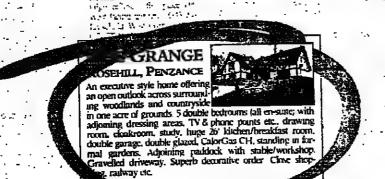
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■ RISING STAR

At 27 Ben Brown has put aside a career at the Bar to concentrate on writing plays

Seen any good accidents lately?

With his film Crash about to open at last, director David

Cronenberg talks

to Matt Wolf

ver since its premiere at the 1996 Cannes Film Fes-tival, David Cronenberg's Crash has left its share of scars. At Cannes it won a special Jury Prize for "originality, daring and audacity", the announcement of which prompted cheers and boos as well as the total support of stars Holly Hunter and James Spader. In America, where the adaptation of J. G. Ballard's 1973 novel at last opened this spring, the film fell foul of Ted Turner, whose Fine Line pictures was first due to release it

And though it won five Genie Awards (Canada's Oscars) in Cronenberg's home country and was number one in France and Poland, of all places, the film has had an especially tortuous ride in Britain. First glimpsed via excerpts last August at the Edinburgh Film Festival, it was shown in full in November at the London Film Festival, where its screening launched a tabloid campaign that continues unabated. Faber published the screenplay in December, but a late-January opening never

Now, having finally been approved by the British Board of Film Classification, the film opens next week — although Westminster council has banned it, claiming that it "borders on obscenity". The political implications of such a decision aside, the ban has considerable commercial ones, since it denies Crash a showcase at the cinematic heart of London. Cronenberg, in turn, calls the local sequence of events "very Monty Pythonesque. It's so overheated and fervent a reaction, and ft is greeted with bafflement and derision everywhere else in the world."

You might expect the director to have strong opinions about such treatment. But Cronenberg speaks in the astutely judged and reasoned tones of an intellectual commentator, rather than in the breastbeating raised voices of some of his detractors. At 54, the Toronto-born director more than ever gives off the air of everyone's favourite university



Sex and drugs and wrecks and roles: David Cronenberg is unrepentant about Crash — "People fasten their seatbelts after they see the film. I've probably saved lives"

don; and if his movies feature exploding heads, rampaging parasites and ghoulish twin gynaecologists, well, as Cronenberg says without irony: "I'm always ready to be surprised by the reaction to my

He is also ready with a full explication of them, which comes in handy when they strike as emotive a chord as Crash. The debate about the £5.5 million film has generally centred on issues of pornography and violence in a work which links

sexual arousal to car wrecks. The film begins with three sex scenes; for most people that means it's a porno film," Cronenberg says. The difference is that Crash "confuses normal thinking about the way sexuality is used. In most movies, the sex scenes form a kind of montage: the movie stops, you have a sex scene, and then the movie continues — you could take the sex scene out and not change the film at

In Crash, by contrast, "the sex scenes are the movie; those opening scenes are integral to the plot. The sex, however rough, is completely consensual as performed by 35-yearolds. These are people who are having to invent strange and bizarre ways to connect. That, in effect, is the subject of the film: the characters are beginning to go beyond sexuality as we know it."

Cronenberg expected the sexual content of Crash to cause controver-

sy; the debate over its violence and the wrangle about whether it will incite copycat incidents leave him more bemused. "Is this violent? Is Braveheart not?" (The Mel Gibson Oscar-winner is one of many films Cronenberg was offered and turned down.) "I mean, c'mon. There are no guns, no knives, no one's beaten. The violence in Crash really is

conceptual. "Kids have been masturbating and crashing cars for years; I don't think I'm going to contribute to that. It's ridiculous to think we are realigning society in order to trigger psychotics. People fasten their seatbelts after they see the film. I've

probably saved lives." The moral crusaders, too, fail to

touch what really animates Cronenberg, namely a desire for subversive, serious cinema outside the Hollywood norm that links Crash directly to The Dead Zone, Dead Ringers, The Fly and Naked Lunch, whose producer, Jeremy Thomas, also produced Crash.

"It's obvious the film demands to be taken not on a literal, realistic level," he says. "It begs and pleads to be taken metaphorically" - not audience's every response.

"I have what I don't think is a perverse instinct not to go for the sentiment, the easy emotional impulse. In that sense I'm defining myself against Hollywood and that comfort with button-pushing. Films such as The First Wives Club tell you what to think at every single moment. With Crash there's no attempt to make events explicable in conventional plot terms. That is why the film is a draining derailing experience."

His next project, eXistenZ, is an original sci-fi film and will cost about £25 million: shooting begins in Toronto at the end of the summer. But with Crash beginning to be old news. Cronenberg still responds to

"I just saw it really recently, and didn't think I would sit through it. But I'm still extremely pleased with it. Even for me, it still has a very hypnotic power."

• Crash opens in Britain on June 6

Bard to worse **SECOND OPINION:**

From

Bernard Levin

on Shakespeare's

greatest miss

ark: groans can be heard from Shakeheard from speare's tomb. From Shakespeare's? Groans? Yes. Shakespeare himself. But how speaking of our beloved Shakespeare, our unique unique Shake-Shakespeare, our speare who regrets he was ever born. But why? Because, of course, some benighted fellow — it was Šilviu Purcarete - thought it would be a good idea to put on Titus Andronicus at the Lyric Hammersmith. But it wasn't.

And why not? Because Titus Andronicus is Shakespeare's one bad play, and when I say bad. I really do mean bad.

There is a clue: in The Oxford Dictionary of Quotations, there are pages and pages and pages from The Merchant of Venice, Twelfth Night, Hamlet, Romeo and Juliet, Julius Caesar, Othello. oh, there is a bundle of quotations from almost every play. But what do we find in Titus Andronicus? A measly 12

To start with, the gore that Shakespeare put in Titus would fill a reservoir: in the first scene of the first act we

Give us the proudest prisoner of the Goths. That we may hew his limbs. and on a pile

Ad manes fratrum sacrifice his flesh. But that is nothing. Try this: Away with him! and make a fire straight: And with our swords, upon a pile of wood Let's hew his limbs till they

be clean consum'd. And if you want to go further - and there is a substantial quantity more try the now well-known jingle from Act II Scene IV: "Enter Demetrius and Chiron, with Lavinia, ravish'd: her hands cut off, and her tongue cut

Now many would slam the book shut when they got to that part, but they would be slamming it for the wrong reason. There is a great deal of horror in Shakespeare, and almost all of it is perfectly fitting to the words on the page, grim or worse. But in the 37 plays of Shakespeare, there is one, and only one, which is

You see it in almost every page - thin, repetitive, obvious, heavy. But don't leap to the preposterous, in the form of "it wasn't Shakespeare's hand". It was a very young Shakespeare who wrote Titus Andronicus, and when he had finished it, he was not ashamed of it, though he did not waste time pushing it into his *oeuvre*. In the well-known listing, it sits between Coriolanus and Romeo and Juliet:

You common cry of curs! whose breath I hate As reek o' the rotten fens, whose love I prize As the dead carcasses of unburied men That do corrupt my air. - I banish you.

Give me my Romeo: and, when he shall die. Take him and cut him out in little stars, And he will make the face of heaven so fine That all the world will be in love with night. And pay no worship to the

Come, come; Shakespeare wrote 37 plays. Could somebody ask Mr Purcarete why he picked the worst one?

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GREAT BRITISH HOPES

Rising stars in the arts firmament: BEN BROWN

Age: 27.

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London bow. All Things Considered, his first full-length play, starts previewing at the Hampstead Theatre on June 3. following a successful premiere last November at the Stephen Joseph Theatre, Scarborough

Suicidal tendencies: The play is a black comedy which revolves around David Freeman, a 49-year-old Oxbridge philosophy professor whose carefully planned suicide attempts are thwarted by

ls Freeman based on a reallife academic? "The idea came to me after reading an obituary of Michael Bayles, an American political theorist who killed himself at 50. I thought exploring a character whose suicide does not go as smoothly as Bayles's did would make for a strong theatrical situation."

Legal eagle: The son of a Court of Appeal judge, he read law at Worcester College, Oxford, and passed his Bar exam while completing the first draft of All Things Considered. "It's good to have those considered to the considered qualifications, but I don't think I'll ever practise as a barrister - unless writing leaves me absolutely pen-

The write stuff: Ecstasy, a oneact play which he completed at Oxford, earned him a place on Birmingham University's masters degree in playwriting studies, a course run by David Edgar. I was the youngest in a class of eight, which included a stand-up comedian and a crime novelist. It was a fantastic way to learn how to construct plays." In Birmingham he wrote Four Letter Word, a one-acter about date rape which went on to win the Cameron Mackintosh New Writing Competition



Big break: Introducing him-self to the producer Michael Codron in Oxford. "I persuaded him to read Four Letter Word and he then commissioned me to write a full-length play, which became All Things Considered."

Has he had mentors? Three so far, His mother, a former book editor, always read his earliest writing very closely. "even when it was rubbish"; Jenny, his English teacher wife, is "a very good critic" of his work; and Philip Swan, who directed Four Letter Word on the Edinburgh Fringe, has provided "great

encouragement", says Brown.

Next in line: A second fulllength play is at an "embryon-ic" stage and his first screenplay, The Arrangement, a romantic comedy set in London, is in development with an independent film production company.

Self-discipline: "I agree with John Mortimer's remark that the cost of being a writer is permanent guilt, because I'm only disciplined in the sense that I want to write every day."

DANIEL ROSENTHAL

Second wind

WHILE the four chief roles in Covent Garden's Elektra are alternated in such a way that punters can mix and match their own dream cast, the conductor, Christian Thielemann, remains at the helm for all seven performances. Thielemann conducted the 1994 revival of this 1990 production, and his reading is as authoritative and mesmerising as

any to be heard today.

Thielemann does full Justice to Strauss's graphic pictorialism - the cackling laughter accompanying Klytemnestra or the moonlight bathing the remembered naked body of Elektra — and he relishes the sepulchral Wagner tubas at the appearance of Orest. But as well as realising vivid surface detail, he generates tension impressively, drawing out those sinuous, writhing lines to maximum effect.

With the orchestra responding fervently to such magnificent direction, it mattered less that the new Elektra, Hildegard Behrens, was not firing on all cylinders in her first performance. Normally so courageously abandoned a performer, Behrens seemed to be protecting her fragile instrument: the result was. paradoxically, a more precise, pure-toned delivery

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Elektra

Covent Garden

than usual, but with some sacrifice of her raw, feral

If Behrens had the diffi-

cult task of shadowing the mighty Deborah Polaski in the title role. Nadine Secunde and Jane Henschel had to compete with the equally formidable Karita Mattila and Felicity Palmer as Chrysothemis and Klytemnestra. Both did an admirable job, the former painting a timorous, pathetic picture of the weaker sister, the latter a truly fearful matriarch. Henschel has a powerful lower register, which she uses to intimidating effect. New to the role of Orest was Alan Held, who combined a sonorous but animated line

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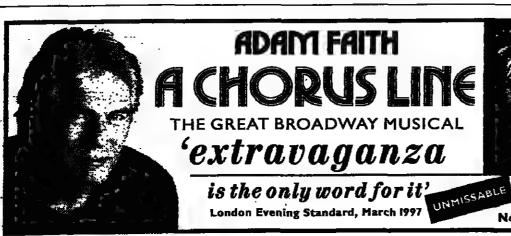
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through Vietnam

o man should see what Albert French saw while serving as an infantryman during the Vietnam War. He saw a young Vietnamese girl caught up in crossfire as she fled her village; his best friend. Vernon, blown apart as he crossed a saturated paddy-field; and the limbless corpses of Vietcong hanging from trees

like kites. He saw so much that defied representation that he was literally rendered speechless. There were experiences about which he could say nothing. To talk about them, he says, was "to diminish the memory of those who died". Only now, almost 30 years since he returned home to Pittsburgh with half his neck missing, does he feel able to discuss what happened to him.

Vietnam continues to inspire a vast and impressive literature -- too vast, some think. Tim O'Brien, whose If I Die in a Combat Zone is surely the greatest novel to come out of the conflict, Tobias Wolff and Michael Herr have all written memorably about the grotesque chaos of war. Hollywood can justifiably speak of its classics of the genre: Apocalypse Now. The Deerhunter, Platoon even. But not until the publication of French's Patches of Fire has there been any attempt to see the war through the eyes of a

black Marine. What is so fresh and invigorating about French's memoir is that thoughts are confided tempt at retrospective interpretation is resisted. So the battle scenes have a blundering immediacy, the Victorng are little more than brutalised automata, and the crude language of the troops is reported faithfully.

There was racism in the US Marines, but French saw little of it. "My war was not about racism, about the American flag, or stopping the spread of Communism," he says. pausing to grab my arm. "Look, I don't know you from a hole in the ground, but, if we were together in Vietnam, within

"This writing thing — I feel kind of separate from it," says French, who lacks the confidence to call himself a writer stopped me getting scared. For three days we would be so I was 47 years old and I was a faiture. I didn't want anyone i knew to see me because I was embarrassed at what I'd become."

as gooks? "Hey, man, gooks One afternoon, as he chansounded too much like nigger nel-surfed. French stumbled to me. I avoided that." on a documentary about a tenyear-old black boy from Mis-French wrote the first part of Patches of Fire in the midsissippi; he was executed in 1937 for accidentally killing a Eighties, after the collapse of young white girl after a quarhis magazine publishing busirel. French was energised by the programme. He support ness left him destitute and ashamed. "My life was a shambles." he says. "I guess "Work on Paiches the magazine had been my -wrote Billy, his fictionalised chance to do something with account of the boy's short life. my life, and the chance died.

For three years he did nothing ₹o hiş surprise he discovered that he was but mooch around his flat, idly flicking TV channels and that rare creature: a chain-smoking. Isolated from debut novelist who spoke entirely in his own his family, he thought his luck oice. Dense, raw and colloquial, Billy made his name. It The book was his only impossible to read the respite from a routine of closing pages without being moved by the boy's plight. lugubrious torpor. "The book saved my life," he says, in a slow, gravel-voiced drawl. The reader is honoured to witness the small miracle of its compassion." Wrote one critic.

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elaborately polite, addressing the waitress who brings as coffee as malam. During lunch he shifts restlessly in his ... chair. "I'm not used to all this formal stuff," he says, turning to look at the Thames. As the sun catches his face you notice Irom ins reminder that he almost died tude."

in Vietnam. The scene in which he lieswounded in a paddyfield after being shot in the throat is the best in the book. "I wish I hadn't included that scene," he says. For I didn't want my mother to know what I went through. She knew I was in: Vietnam, that I got shot, but not that I lay submerged in water in the middlesof a rice paddy. She didn't know the thoughts that went through my head - that I thought I us." was going to die." Describing himself as "not

French lacks the confidence to call himself a writer. This writing thing - I feel kind of separate from it. There is a space between me and my books that I can't explain." He is humbly surprised that the notoriously reclusive Harper Lee was delighted by his preface for a new American edition of her study of racism and loss in Alabama, To Kill a Mockingbird. "As a black

being academically schooled".

Reflecting on his life-transforming success. French says that Patches of Fire brought him a kind of peace. It helped him, too, to remember what was good about Vietnam: that "humans are at their best when situations are at their worst". He lifts his head. His eves, magnified like marbles behind his spectacles, shine. Vietnam was ugly but it afforded me some beautiful moments. That speaks well of

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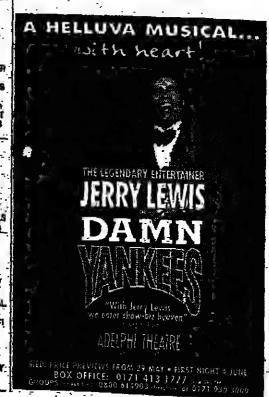
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POP 1

At the Tribal Gathering at Luton Hoo, Orbital prove yet again that they are worthy festival headliners



POP 2

Continental crooner: Italian mega-star Zucchero entertains the faithful at Shepherd's Bush





JAZZ

Nikki Yeoh's fine new commission is one of the highlights of a weekend of great jazz in Bath



A bigger splash

on Bath nights

Two characteristics differenti-ate Bath's Clerical Medical Jazz Weekend from all other UK jazz festivals. The first is its

uncompromisingly Eurocentric

stance, focused clearly on the new music end of the spectrum. The second is its organic growth from year to year, both in the way that it

presents its performers and in the size and appreciation of its

Several of this year's best perfor-

mances came from players who had previously appeared in indi-

vidual or small-group contexts.

given the chance to spread their

wings in wider company. A perfect example was the Italian saxophon-

ist Gianluigi Trovesi. Last year he

was half of a duo, this year he was able to return with his full octet.

This blended a theatrical flair with

full-blooded solos from trombonist

Rudi Migliardi and - on trumpet.

megaphone, didgeridoo and outra-

geous vocals - Pino Minafra. With

sections of the band splintering into

marching groups or playing from

among the audience, Trovesi's set

never flagged, yet its innovation,

particularly in the voicings for double bass, cello and bass guitar.

Pianist John Taylor was the

soloist last year but this year

maintained the trend for reappear-

ing in a bigger group by playing

Winstone and trumpeter Kenny

Wheeler. Their deft, fast-moving

set, with dappled shading and

chamber jazz effects, stilled the

bustling Pavilion audience and

created a nightclub atmosphere,

especially as Winstone and

Wheeler negotiated the rapids of

Taylor's challenging Whirlpool.

Winstone's set piece on Steve Swallow's Ladies in Mercedes was

as urbane a piece of small-group jazz as one could hope for, and it

seems extraordinary that such an accomplished British group should

Steve Swallow himself had ap-

peared with Carla Bley on Friday night in her Fancy Chamber

Music, but it was another female

composer and planist, Britain's

Nikki Yeoh, who produced this

year's main commission. Last year

her trio, Infinitum, was one of the

work so seldom in this country.

was consistent and absorbing.

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■ TOMORROW

Gene Hackman is the US President with murder on his mind in the new Hollywood thriller Absolute Power

POP: Two festivals enlivened the Bank Holiday weekend in the South; plus other gig reviews

Cranking up the machine

ment of Brighton's Essential Festival (see below). Saturday's Tribal Gathering at the Luton Hoo estate did not suffer unduly. Around 30,000 revellers still patiently endured lengthy traffic jams to attend what is clearly now established as a regular fix-

ture in the festival calendar. As the barriers between rock and dance music become ever more blurred, and with the liberalisation of nightclub licensing laws in recent years, Tribal Gathering now pitches itself at open-minded rock fans as much as at purist rave kids. Hence the proliferation of live acts on this year's bill, and the participation of non-specialist DJs such as John Peel, whose early-evening set interspersed dance tunes with classic punk, reggae and world music.

Most of the live performers opted for a similarly loose approach to musical genres. Anglo-Asian bands Black Star Liner and Cornershop concocted impressive: hybrids of dub reggae, guitar pop and orchestral Indian film soundtracks. Sneaker Pimps bashed out slow-motion funk rock behind a singer, Kelli Dayton, who purred like a young Shirley Bassey. Faithless, a British collective with a large following in Europe. proved masters of soulful mood music. Bristol's Roni Size skilfully blended live jazz instruments with clattering jungle percussion, while the ever-reliable Orbital packed out the lar st of nine circus tents with their hypnotic electronic symphonies, once again proving themselves worthy

estival headliners. But even Orbital themselves would admit that the main Tribal Gathering Luton Hoo. **Bedfordshire**

event at Tribal Gathering was the return of Kraftwerk. A major coup for the event's organisers, this hugely influential German band's first British show in six years could well have been their undoing. Over the last decade their illustrious canon of minimal, ground-breaking, pure elec-tronic pop has become widely accepted as a crucial corner stone of modern dance music. But during this period, the increasingly reclusive Dusseldorf quartet have toured just once and released nothing besides remixed archive material. Playing their first ever true rave-culture event might have revealed these 50-yearold boffins as clunky anachronisms, the Bill Haley and the Cornets of computer music.

ut nothing could be further from the truth Clad in futuristic boilersuits and standing virtually motionless behind identical consoles, Kraftwerk proved more than a match for their offspring. Classic tunes such as Autobahn and Trans Europe Express still retained their uniquely pristine sparkle. while syncopated versions of Radioactivity and Tour de France induced frenzied dancing.

It was a show of immense wit and style, with synchronised video displays and much post-modern showmanship. Mechanical models of the band were entrusted with performing We Are The Robots, then the deadpan foursome returned in fluorescent



Kelli Dayton of Sneaker Pimps, purring like a young Shirley Bassey to the band's slow-motion funk rock

green uniforms to deliver, in an unprecedented breach of Kraftwerk etiquette, an as yet unrecorded tune, which sounded wholly modern. If nothing else, Tribal Gathering

provided heartening proof that the godfathers of machine music are not ready to become museum pieces just yet.

STEPHEN DALTON

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Jazz Weekend Bath Festival

hits of the festival and this year keeping with the festival's sense of growth and development - she returned with Infinitum Plus, a 12piece band that swaggered through her joyful explorations of a multi-lingual poem. There were experimental moments, video clips and Yeoh's accompanying improvisa-tions, but the orchestral writing itself showed a firm hand, especial ly in passages for Christian Garrick on violin. Jenny Adepayan on cello and Gary Crosby on double bass. As the band swayed into reggae, calypso, straight-ahead jazz and moments of free form, Yeoh's sure touch belied the fact that she turned 24 on Saturday.

Yeoh's composition some of its theatricality from the ideas of Brazilian Hermeto Pascoal, who has been a major influence on young British players. This influence was also apparent in a mature set from lain Ballamy's Acme, but there were equally theatrical moments from accordionist Otto Lechner, especially in his Bosnia Suite, which mixed folk tunes with the café demi-monde of an earlier age, and from guitarists Gerard Marais and Nguyen Le. Le's set combines Vietnamese instruments, themes and singing with his own hard-edged guitar. But for the consummate integration of musical traditions, it would be hard to beat the trio of bass clarinettist Louis Sclavis, bassist Henri Texter and drummer Aldo Romano. Sclavis turned in one of his most devastating displays of instrumental mastery, not simply in the well-defined territory of his debt to Eric Dolphy, but in music from the band's tours in Africa.

How did he manage such a remarkable performance? It was, he said later, because the Bath Jazz Weekend is an event with a distinctive atmosphere and

ALYN SHIPTON

Brighton rocks in the sun

THE Bank Holiday weekend sunshine, much improved facilities and a decent selection of bands helped to transform Brighton's Essential from a minor summer festival into a real contender.

A three-day event devoted to dance, Indie and roots music, this year's Essential featured six tents plus its first open-air stage - quite a change from a couple of years ago. The only problem was that two tents were in such close proximity to the main stage that, on indie day at least, various bands found themselves sharing air space with acts whose sound wasn't.

necessarily compatible with their own.

This happened to Morphine, whose intimate, sax-fuelled blues were occasionally drowned out by the loud, punk trash of Three Colours Red, playing festival-friendly anthems such as Sunny in England on the main stage. That said, Mogwai's Sonic Youth-style guitars re**Essential Music Festival** Stanmer Park, Brighton

fused to be drowned out by anything, particularly when the whole band dived on top of the percussionist at the end. Alabama 3 were one of several bands who played at both Tribal Gathering and Essential. But if they had hangovers, they hid them behind dark shades and Sunday best suits, quickly establishing a groove with the acid-spiked blues of Woke up This Morning and then really getting the crowd going with the anti-hippy anthem Ain't Going to Goa, and a rave version of John Prine's Speed of the Sound of

Gorky's Zygotic Myncl continued the religious country blues theme, with frontman Euros Childs banging on his

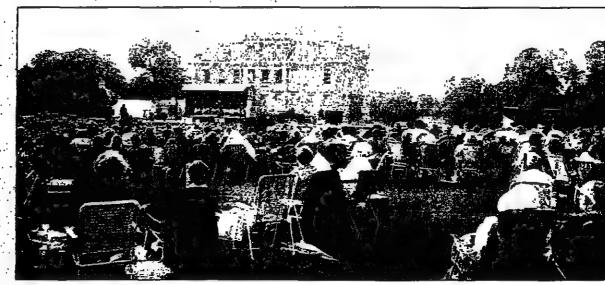
organ like a demented preacher during Diamond Dew, then revealing the band's milder side in Heart of Kentucky. If the crowd's reaction was anything to go by, it won't be long before they swap Welsh-

language cult status for Top 40 hits. In complete contrast came the heavy riffs that the heavily tattooed Korn were pumping out from the main stage. Thankfully, Teenage Fanclub's effortless melodies provided relief, particularly during the aching Mellow Doubt.

The Fanclub's stage was headlined by Space, who kicked off with the catchy You and Me vs the World, and proved a popular alternative to the darker pop of Monaco and the big rural sound of the Levellers, which was still emanating from the main stage as many of the festivalgoers headed for the station.

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CHANGING TIMES

Italy wins again Mambo master

ith increasing regu-larity this venue plays host to visiting stars, relatively unheralded on these shores, who pack the Empire with expatriate devotees. So Zucchero "Sugar" Fornaciari brought his Italian supporters club to Shepherd's Bush and numed this into a home match.

The singer and writer has been a multi-platinum fixture on the continental pop scene for a decade and now the European trade magazine, Music & Media, shows The Best of Zucchero album about to clock up six months' service in the pan European rankings with sales comfortably into

Those who swarmed to this relatively rare London appearance were put well and truly in the mood by Paul Thorn, a Tupelo-born troubadour whose Mississippi songeraft further endears him to audiences with each visit. He knows his way around both sensitive ballads such as I Bet He Knows When I'm On Your Mind and lubricious barroom sketches such as Two Dogs in Heat.

Zucchero's European con-quests of the past decade have gone largely unmarked here, apart from a brief period in the early 1990s when he gained a

Zucchero Empire, WI2

toehold with a series of duets. For the best-known of them, Senza Una Donna, Zucchero was joined by his partner from the record, Paul Young, but there was no sense of an English star being wheeled out to bolster a bashful visitor. By then we had had an hour or of Eurohits galore and barely-controlled adulation for this amiable man from a

poor, religious background. Gospel and R&B undertones percolate in his brand of blues-rock, which propelled itself with boundless energy and many an animated sax, harmonica or organ fill. In velvet coat and trademark hat, Zucchero occasionally calls to mind the impassioned gesturing of Joe Cocker and is his emotive equal, even if some of those uptempo romps seem slightly time warped to a British sensibility. But local tastes could certainly stretch to pol-ished ballads such as Diamante or the new single I Won't Be Lonely Tonight Just as in the World Cup in February, Italy came to

London and won. · ·

half a century as a band leader this year. His two-hour set at this suitably louche venue was full of the trademarks that have sustained his remarkable career and which took the big-band mambo style of New York's Latin jazz scene to its pinnacle - swing orchestrations heavy on the brass and a four-strong Afro-Cuban rhythm section led by his own virtuoso

The silver-haired Puente, now 74, remains a supreme showman, his energy apparently undiminished. He drives his Latin Jazz Ensemble with relentless bravura: for 50 minutes he neither sings nor speaks, allowing the music to establish its own credentials in an explosive burst of hot salsa while he theatrically leads the insistent beat, or clave, allowing the eight-strong brass section to riff powerfully over the top. The rhythms may be Cuban in origin but Puente's version has a more intense, nervy edge, reflecting its home

on the streets of the Bronx. Finally Puente breaks his silence, pointing out that the music might be called salsa these days, but that he was playing it 25 years before the name was invented. You can PAUL SEXTON call it whatever you want.

Tito Puente Hammersmith Palais, W6

Where I come from we call it mambo," he says. And they are off again on the second lap. Cole Porter's I Concentrate On You, featuring Bobby Porcelli's alto sax, is a little too sweet but a spirited rendition of Oye Como Va puts the show back on track.

Towards the end, the Do-minican diva Yolanda Duke arrives on stage dressed in a preposterous white sequined outlit. Her opening number, Bamboleo, is fine but by the fourth song. her shouting style has outstayed its welcome. Over the years Puente's band has showcased some fine singers including La Lupe and Celia Cruz, but sadly Duke is not in the same class.

Having told us that he no longer does encores, Puente is forced back on stage for one last storming mambo to rank with the best of his opening burst. Despite the occasional lapse, this was a joyous celebration of 50 years of music from a true professional and an engaging performer.

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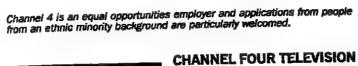
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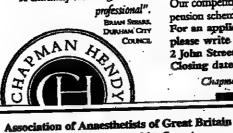
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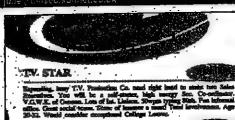
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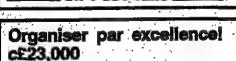
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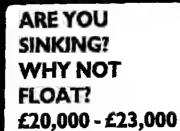
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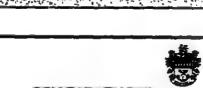
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Wigan win proves Hughes's point

NOBODY was more delighted at Wigan's biggest defeat of St Helens in 194 league meetings than Eric Hughes. He had a point to prove on his return to Knowsley Road and his side overwhelmingly made it for him in a 65-12 hiding of the old enemy in the Stones Super League on Monday

One of the things I was told when St Helens dismissed me was that I couldn't coach defence into a team," Hughes said. "That's ironic, isn't it?" In two years at the club, Hughes never experienced the satisfaction of beating Wigan and he looked similarly cursed in taking over at Central Park, when St Helens won there in March for the first time in a decade - until Monday.:

By the end of last season, the choice of Shaun McRae, an Australian, as Hughes's soccessor at St Helens was apparently justified. Although with the side that Hughes built, McRae instilled the resolute attitude and selfbelief that brought the double of the Challenge Cup and league championship to Knowsley Road for the first

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time in 30 years. At the start of May, St Helens retained the Challenge Cup, but, in the three weeks since then, they have gone into freefall. Three defeats and a draw have transformed them from title contenders into title no-hopers. Such a sudden loss of confidence is hard to explain, not even by the crop of injuries that has revealed the champions' lack of strength in

For his part, McRae took the club's heaviest defeat at home personally, describing it as embarrassing and insulting to him, the players and the supporters. With some individuals reportedly unhappy sizeable task getting the side to game at home against Auckland Warriors on Friday

After four early-season de-

much ground for Wigan to make up on the runaway Bradford Bulls at the top of the

> greater degree of confidence han seemed possible only a few weeks ago Hughes might have paid the price for a struggling defence at St Helens, but the Wigan side he has been moulding for the past four months now boasts the best defensive record in the Super League. This year is described by Hughes as one of transition, but the new-look Wigan seem fresh, invigorated and hungry for more after Monday's huge

table. Nonetheless, a revital-

ised side can look forward to

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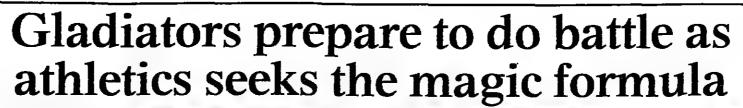
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matches in Australia

The one cloud on the horizon is the possible departure of Jason Robinson next month. to take up the contract he signed two years ago with the Australian Rugby League. If so, the Great Britain wing will be a huge loss, just as he is back to his best. The first of his three tries at St Helens was a dazzling piece of exhibitionism that started the rout after only 46 seconds.

Ten further tries followed. including two by Simon Haughton, an irrepressible force in the second row alongside Andrew Farrell, the cap-tain, who contributed 25 points, with a try and ten goals to equal the Super League goalscoring record. It was not until Wigan passed the half-century that St Helens got a couple of token tries. These merely interrupted a beating that they will not be able to forget in a hurry. ☐ Paul Forber, the Salford forward, has been referred to

the Rugby Football League (RFL) disciplinary panel for a high tackle on fan Pickavance, of St Helens, who was sent off for a retaliatory strike on counter last week. The RFL executive committee studied video pictures of the incident, and decided that Forber had a feats, there is possibly too case to answer.



David Powell on two head-to-head duels

that could provide a

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was unequivocal.

"Let me put it this way." he said. "1 am the only one who has run 27 miles per hour." And so began the hype towards a race this weekend which is supposed to decide who is the world's fastest man. Less a case, perhaps, of world's fastest man than world's slowest sport out of the blocks.

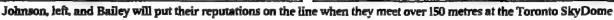
Coming ten months after the Olympic Games in Atlanta. where they set one world record apiece, the contest between Bailey and Michael Johnson will decide little more than who is the fastest man in Toronto on the first Sunday in June. Any genuine attempt to settle the quickest take place immediately after the Olympics when Bailey, who clocked 9.84sec for a 100 metres world record, and Johnson, who obliterated the 200 metres mark with 19-32sec (23mph), were at their

Bailey, though, has a point. It can be argued that the world's fastest man is the one who touches the highest peak velocity at any given point, that sustained speed should not come into it. Why should the issue be decided over 100, 150 or 200 metres? Let each man run any distance he chooses in an effort to hit top speed. Modern technology makes such figures attainable. Hence Swatch Timing recorded Bailey at 27.06mph

at 59.50 metres in Atlanta. However, the occasion should help to resolve one issue. The evening before Johnson and Bailey meet over 150 metres in the Toronto SkyDome, Halle Gebrsessie and Noureddine Morceli do battle over two miles in the Dutch town of Hengelo. It is a landmark weekend in determining whether ath-letics can regain lost support through head-to-head contests carrying substantial

Chariots of Fire has given way to Lorryloads of Money, million at stake. Bailey, a Canadian, and Johnson, a Texan, are each guaranteed \$500,000, with an extra \$1





In Hengelo, the prize pot is \$1

Johnson said of his date with Bailey: "Winning is everything if the clock says 13 seconds, if it says 16 seconds, what difference will it make?" Gebrselassie and Morceli have no such luxury. They must run the fastest two miles in history by more than seconds or earn three nothing.

Though it is hard to believe, Jos Hermens, the Hengelo promoter, says that neither of the Africans is receiving an appearance fee and that both could walk away unrewarded. It will take a Roger Bannister times two for the jackpot to be paid out. Adidas, which has put up the \$1 million and insured against potential loss, is demanding the first sub eightminute two miles.

world record attempts witnessed on the circuit, this requires a hard race to be won as well as a time to be million going to the winner. beaten. The runner-up, even if he breaks eight minutes. will leave empty-handed. "They take a chance and one of them comes out with

nothing," Hermens said. Bailey versus Johnson is a two-man race which, predictably, has drawn complaints from other leading sprinters who may not have been the world's fastest man around Olympic time, but think they might be on a Sunday in June, when the peak of the season is still two months away. Gebrselassie against Morceli, although promoted as a two-man race, has a field of 15, including three

n that regard, there is a link with Iffley Road, Oxford, May 6, 1954. Back then, Chris Chataway and Chris Brasher set the nace, if British athletes are they were, at least promoters still trust them with the pace. One of the "rabbits" will be Anthony Whiteman, Great Britain's European indoor

silver medal winner. "He is smart in setting the pace," Hermens said.

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If Whiteman does a productive job, the winner will be obliged to pay him a bonus on top of his fee. When the race was announced, concern was expressed that the sport was moving towards events put on by sportswear companies for the exclusive pro-motion of their own athletes. In response, Hermens invited two of Nike's top runners, Daniel Komen and Salah Hissou, but the offer came too

Match-racing is nothing new. In 1885, during a series between Walter George and Williams Cummings. 30,000 speciators were drawn to Lillie Bridge for a mile race. More recently. Mary Slaney and Zola Budd were brought together at Crystal Palace, Lewis at Gateshead, both occasions promoted as match-races, although other athletes were involved.

Toronto and Hengelo are

merely offering the latest gimmickry. In the early part of the century, it was Alfred Shrubb, Britain's international cross-country champion. racing a horse over ten miles. More recently, there has been high jump to music competitions and throwers aiming

Still, what are we complaining about? The money has bought clashes between athletes who might otherwise might not wish to meet outside championships. Anything that prevents great athletes avoiding each other, as Steve Ovett and Sebastian

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Coe did, cannot be all bad. After the Olympics, piqued by the lack of respect Bailey was shown in the United States, his home-town newspaper paid for a series of advertisements in USA To-Ontario, home of the world's fastest man," ran the theme. Nothing that happens on Sunday will either validate or invalidate that claim.

BOXING

Protests as champion loses world ranking

BY SRIKUMAR SEN BOYING CORRESPONDENT

CRAWFORD ASHLEY, the British and European lightheavyweight champion from Leeds, may have become the latest casualty of boxing poli-tics. He has been dropped from the ratings of the World Boxing Organisation (WBO). Ashley was no 2, second to Nicky Piper, of Cardiff, whom he had beaten in a British title

bout in 1994. Frank Maloney, Ashley's promoter, and the British Boxing Board of Control (BBBC) have written to the WBO asking for an explanation but have so far received

Maloney pointed out that, since the last ratings, Ashley has become a double champion by winning the European title. "He has not lost since his defeat by Virgil Hill in 1995, so someone has some explaining

to do," Maloney said, In his letter to the WBO, Maloney said: "I would ask the ratings committee to look at this situation and revalue the ratings as, surely, they should be done on merit and results, so Crawford Ashley should be in the top three. Also No I-ranked Nicky Piper was defeated by Crawford Ashley in 1994. I feel that these ratings are unfair and ask the committee to reassess the

John Morris, the secretary of the BBBC, said: "We have demanded an explanation from the WBO. We want to know how a European champion can be out of the ratings. This is the biggest nonsense in a long time. Ashley is genuine world class."

Morris also said that the board was extremely concerned about boxers pulling out of contests with Ashley. This follows two British boxers, Mark Prince, of Tottenham, and Piper, backing out of bouts. Also, Chris Eubank turned down a £300,000 offer to meet Ashley.

Ashley also accused fighers. including Thomas Hearns, of avoiding him. However, he is convinced that he is the victim of politics. "Boxing should be about fighters getting into the ring, but you can't even get into the ring," he said.

past seven contests, six of them inside the distance, intends to stay busy. He has decided to defend his European title against Pascal Warusfel, of France, in Paris on Saturday.

BADMINTON: FLOCKHART BOWS TO ENGLISHMAN IN DOMESTIC BATTLE

Hall can take chance to begin revival

BY RICHARD EATON

DARREN HALL yesterday earned the chance of the high-profile victory for which England thirsts after last week's disastrous team event in the world championships in Glasgow. The former European champion's hard-fought victory over the leading Scot, Bruce Flockhart, gives him a meeting today in the world championship men's singles with the No b seed, Ong Ewe Hock, of Malaysia. If Hall plays at his best, he could make it into a close encounter.

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The Essex player's 15-5, 15-11 win over Flockhart saw a first game including flashes of brilliance, but, in the second game, there were moments when his concentration wavered. Flockhart briefly took his chance to advance to 10-5 and, even when Hall recovered to 10-10, there were ten changes of service at that score before the Englishman struggled

Ong had to work even harder, trailing 7-12 in the final game to the tall Vladislav Druzchenko, of Ukraine, before surviving 13-18, 15-4, 15-12 Another Scot, Anne Gibson, also played courageously, overcoming oppressive heat and Carolina Eriksson, of Sweden, 11-4, 10-12, 11-3 to earn herself a second-round meeting with Han Jingna, of China, the silver medalwinner at the last world championships, in Lausanne two years ago.

Both China's top seeds won rapidly. The All-England champion, Dong Jiong, came through in 25 minutes against Jang Chun Woong, of South Korea, and the defending world champion, Ye Zhaoying, needed only 18 minutes to defeat Sandra Dimbour, of France.

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By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

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could afford to lose two more. When I led a spade from dummy, the contract was assured. Whichever player won with the queen, he would have to set up a spade, or play a club, establishing a trick there (if East had won the queen of spades and played a spade, all I had to do was discard a club). Not difficult: other less secure lines would also have brought

home the contract.

☐ The EBU Spring Bank Holiday Congress was held in Bournemouth at the weekend. The championship pairs was won by Malcolm Pryor and Tim Pike, of Surrey, while the Swiss teams was won by Chris Jagger and Giles Woodruff (Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire). Alan White (Wiltshire) and John Young (Northamptonshire).

☐ Robert Sheehan writes Monday to Friday in Sport and in Weekend on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

YALE a. The green woodpecker b. To grieve c. A beast

VILL a. To revile b. Disgusting

WOUGH a. A cloak of skins b. A bark

b. A girl

c. The transerve of warp YUFFROUW a. A large ruff

c. A furrow for seed Answers on page 49



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44 c6 45 Bg2 46 Rd2

By Raymond Keene CHESS CORRESPONDENT

King's gambit In recent tournaments, Nigel

Short has shown a penchant for resurrecting the largely neglected king's gambit. During the 19th century, the king's gambit was one of the great highways of master chess and resulted in many slashing brilliancies. For many decades, the

king's gambit lay neglected, but Short has demonstrated that White need not go all out for checkmate but can rely on his greater control of the centre, if Black accepts the gambit pawn, to give him an advantage in the endgame.

In the game today, from the elite tournament in Madrid, a fascinating pawn race develops between Short's mass of pawns on the queenside and Black's passed pawn on the g-file. Ultimately, Short neutralises Black's prospective queen, while crashing through with his own pawns.

White: Nigel Short Black: Vladimir Akopian Madrid, May 1997 King's Gambit

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Diagram of final position

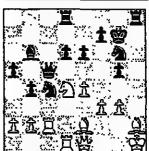
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WINNING MOYE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Arnold -Enders, Bundesliga, 1997. Here, Black combined play on the h-file and gl-a7 diagonal to force a powerful breakthrough. Can you see how?



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Ancient rivalry still cuts deepest



SIMON BARNES Midweek View

The most revealing remark made by the Hardyesquely-named Hollioake brothers in their contribution to the gaiety of the English spring was that. if they were to go to the lavatory together, they would compete to see who could squirt higher

School playgrounds are elemental places. If the prepara-tion for Empire and the Battle of Waterloo was on the playing fields of England, then the preparation for the playing fields of professional sport is

in the playgrounds. No rivalry like brothers. It's been happening since the fixture between Cain and Abel, a couple who could not settle their differences with a mere urination contest. Ben and Adam (see what I mean about Hardy?) Hollioake say they have never finished a game of ping pong. One or the other

always storms out at 19-all. The brief Texaco Trophy one-day cricket series between England and Australia gave us the intriguing, but hardly unique, spectacle of brother seeking to outdo brother in the same field of excellence. The Hollicakes on the English side; the Waugh twins, Steve and Mark, on the other. On this occasion, our Australians

were better than theirs. The Waughs have the ultimate brothers-in-sport story. Steve was appointed to tell Mark that he had at last been picked for Australia. "Who's the mug they've dropped?"

Greg and lan Chappell. serial captains of Australia. were both great cricketers. But the third one, Trevor, lives forever in the memory as the cricketer who, instructed by Greg, bowled the notorious underarm ball to prevent New Zealand from attempting the six-hit they needed to win off the last ball.

Ian, by then a commentator, had his say: "Fair dinkum, Greg. How much pride do you sacrifice to win 35,000 dollars?"

The relationship between brothers is a mystery to those outside. Born as rivals, brought up as more than friends, discomfortingly similar, disconcertingly different. It is no surprise that brothers often appear together in team games. That combination of rivalry and common hope.

Jack and Bobby Charlton

are perhaps England's most famous footballing brothers. They were always an antithetical pair: Bobby, the dashing attacker, the irrestible force, Jack the hard-man defender, the immovable object; Bobby. the manager who fell at the first hurdle, Jack, the manager recognised by the Pope. Their tale starts with the teasing rivairies of the playground and moves to the bitterness of



The Hollicake brothers, Ben, left, and Adam, who thrive on their rivalry

later life. The two rarely speak to one another now.

England produced the Underwood brothers, Rory and Tony, on opposite wings of the rugby union team. Their rivalry was, or at least seemed, a relatively benign one. Rory had the head start on Tony: Tony is now in South Africa and vying for Rory's former place on the wing with the

The thing about sporting rivairies is that, although they are in some ways benign, at least when compared with Cain and Abel, they are quantifiable. Brother can measure himself up against brother and face his own failure. Patrick McEnroe was never the tennis player John was, though nor was anyone else.

Ian Greig was always supposed to be a better cricketer than Tony, but was not. Robin Smith was always supposed to be better than Chris, and was. Dean Waugh was always going to be a better batsman than Steve or Mark, and never was. Denny Waugh was never even in the frame.

The thing about most sib-ling rivalries is that the issues are never quite closed; there is never a hard-and-fast winner. The ping pong match is never finished, the bantering never ceases. But sport can spell out the end of possibilities: that one brother has slain the hopes of the other.

It happens in worlds other than sport. "I'm not saying he has no sense of humour," the stock witticism runs, "but he

thinks the funniest of the Marx Brothers is Zeppo." Alas, poor Zeppo: fourth of the brothers of imperishable memory after Groucho. Harpo and Chico. But what of Gummo? He was the fifth of the Marx brothers, who left the act early. They went on to

perform as the Four Nightin-

ales, before they became the

Marx Brothers. Every family is both a drama and mystery, every brother is a rival and, for every Groucho there is a a Gummo. every Steve a Denny. I often write about sport as a theatre of crueity, but nothing has as much scope for cruetty as family life. That is because families are almost everything; sport is only a small

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Source: ECB/PA Cricket Record

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Law makes his point for Jackson MR PJACKSON, of Eccles. Manchester, is the winner of

the weekly prize for the Interactive Team Cricket

Mr Jackson's team, One Day More, scored 2,018 points. The highest scorer for his team was Stuart Law, the Essex all-rounder from Australia, who, having been omitted from the touring



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In the women's divisions, Osler-Green look strong. Their whining Torpids crew has been strengthened by the University squads and they

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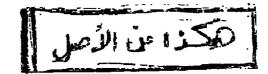
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King Of Kings declines Ascot crown

KING OF KINGS, whose odds for next season's 2,000 Guineas are tumbling faster than Australian wickets, will bypass the Coventry Stakes

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Michael Tabor, a principal owner of the Aidan O'Brienowner of the Aidan O'Brien-trained colt, yesterday said: "I the 25-I that was on offer know that may sound cocky, but why rev him up for Ascot? The two-year-olds that go to Ascot you don't hear of again and he is too good for that. He will stay in Ireland before being aimed at the Dewhurst

After a stunning debut in Ireland on Sunday, when he won inextended by eight lengths, King Of Kings is now as short as 8-1 for next year's Newmarket classic. The Tote was forced to take evasive action yesterday and cut the Sadler's Wells colt from 14-1 to 10-1 after accepting some substantial here

Tabor, whose silks are carried by Entrepreneur, the odds-on favourite for the Derby, and Desert King, Sunday's Irish 2,000 Guineas winner, believes King Of Kings has the ability to put those two classic winners in the shade in the fullness of time.

"I thought it was an absolutely speciacular perfor- ship, was knocked out to 5-4

Carl Evens: 3.00 Homblower,

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(£3,481: 2m 1f 110yd) (4)

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| 4060 DERRING PLOSS TO J Pickering 7-16-10 Miss A Wormal (7)
| 3000 GARRIELLE GERARD 12 M Hammand 6-10-10. M Hormocks (7)
| 10P0 MEADOWLESK 4 W Yeong 3-10-10. M S Taylor
| 1-P0 MO TAKKERS 4 (F) S Katilonell 10-10-40 P Nivel
| 522- PALACE RIVER 366 D Motint 9-10-40 D J Medium
| 10305 ANALOSICAL 25 Miss M Mission 4-10-5 S Stamp
| 10305 ANALOSICAL 25 Miss M Mission 4-10-5 S Stamp
| 10305 Missionel PRINCESS 18 B (Firm 4-10-5 R) Mission
| 10305 Missionel PRINCESS 18 B (Firm 4-10-5 R) Mission
| 10305 Missionel PRINCESS 18 B (Firm 4-10-5 R) R MicSosh (6)
| 10305 MISSIONEL PRINCESS 18 B (Firm 4-10-5 R) R MicSosh (6)

53PO ALPHA ONE 2 (F.A.S) D Beauti 12-12-7. Miles K Di Merio (7) 2223 URY MINSTREL 16 (F) Miles (F Oulson 12-12-7 Miles P Robuson (5) 5434 BOURNERS MINSTREL 28 (C.F.A.S) N.Chumburbin 14-12-7

4 0294 ACROSS THE CARD 11P (F.S.S) C Russey 5-12-4 M Brothure (7) 6 UDG3 FORDSTOWN 2 (6.5) J Mescrider 8-12-4 J Alexander (7) 6 SORP DRUMCARN 11P (8) P Forster 3-12-6 M J Thorsby (7) 7 1111 HORBROUWER 22P (7) MR J Most 18-12-0 M M G Crost (7) 8 TOWN (7) 11 TOWN PRINTY PURI 22P (7) MR J Most 6-12-0 B Hormer (7) 9 6-3P RAILYDING CRY 11P (8) MR J Seycoor 9-12-6 D R Micked (7) 1224 WELL TRAVEL 73 (7) A Dictional 9-12-4 M Robinson (7) 1200 Micked (4) 12 Control (4) 12 Control (5) 1200 Micked (4) 12 Control (6) 12 Control (7) 1200 Micked (6) 12 Control (6) 12 Control (7) 1200 Micked (6) 12 Control (6) 12 Control (7) 1200 Micked (7) 1200 Micked

6.40 Batswing, 7.10 Bonnie Lassie, 7.40 Highflying, 8.10 Three Arch Bridge, 8.40 Swift, 9.10 Greek

..... 9 Parket (5) 15

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES):

CAMPBELL AND PRICE MAIDEN STAKES.

10. 2.5., ZZU: 37) (19 TURBERS)

10. ARE YER THERE 17 M M Eastedy 6-0.

10. BATSONNES 32 M Meants 9-0.

10. BAN J Eyrs 18 M Johnston 9-0.

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WELCOME SLOSET J Whaton 9-0... 0 -CINDER HOLLS 32 M W Easterby 6-9

7.10 RIPON FESTIVAL CLAIMING

5-2 Shyara Physir 11-4 Boostec Lassin, 3-1 Ulbra Boy, 5-1 others.

7.40 NAVON FARM SERVICES

HANDICAP (£3,453: 2m) (9)

STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,598: 1m) (6)

3-1 Empirical, 4-1 Princety Herr 9-2 Battaving, 6-1 Corden Hells, 7-1 others.

Draw: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

6.40 LISHMAN, SERVELL,

(2-Y-0; £3,220; 5f) (19 runners)

THUMDERER

ROWING . GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

mance at the Curragh and, if he remains right, I think he could be awesome. This horse does it at home and does it on bypass the Coventry Stakes because he is "too good" for the Royal Ascot race.

Michael Tabor, a principal owner of the Aidan O'Rien.

briefly after his debut success. "I would have liked to have backed him to win II million at that kind of price for the 2.000 Guineas," Tabor said. He has managed to get on

> Nap: FLORENTINO (3.20 Folkestone)

Next best: White Emir

(6.50 Newbury)

Ell,000 ante-post, including one bet of £20,000-£1,000. While the Royal Ascot executive will be sad not to have King Of Kings on view, Tabor confirmed Desert King, one of

rather than a Derby. Frankie Dettori, who started the season at 6-1 on to win the jockeys' champion-

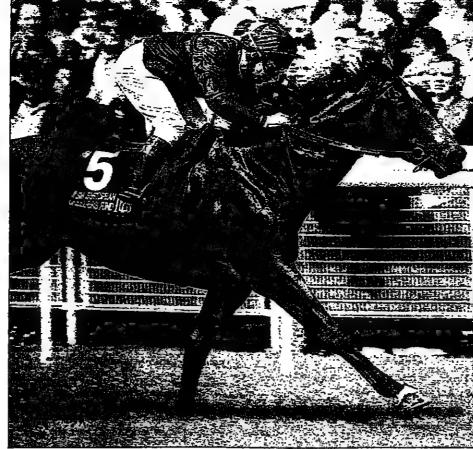
13 classic winners entered at

the royal meeting, will go for the St James's Palace Stakes

against by the Tote yesterday in the face of renewed support Pat Eddery (9-4). The price change is significant because there is little doubt that Dettori is not riding with his usual confidence or effectiveness at the moment. "A few high-profile reverses recently have seen Frankie's fans dive for cover," Rob Hartnett, the Tote's PR director, said.

The Jockey Club yesterday issued a curious statement concerning the much public-ised clash between John Jenyns, the chairman of the York panel of stewards, and two television executives. Jenyns resigned as a York steward after the controversy over his "hands out of your pockets" order - but remains a steward at Pontefract and Redcar.

"Having received a formal complaint from Mr John Fairley concerning the con-duct of the meeting between York stewards and Channel 4 executives on May 13, the Jockey Club is talking to certain people who are in-volved before deciding on further steps." My guess is that Mr Jenyns will face pressure to step down as a steward at Pontefract and



King Of Kings has the Dewhurst Stakes as his main objective this season

3.35 DRY BLACKTHORN CIDER MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,318: 2m 1! 110yd) (8) 2.00 Queen's Coursel, 2.30 Indian Jockey, 3.00 Homblower, 3.35 in Good Faith, 4.05 Jessolle, 4.35

1 P394 DANTES AMDER 32 M Hommond 6-11-5 ... R 2 0000 DARK MIDNESHT 25 (8) D Lamb 8-11-5 ... C McCorp 3 ... 44 N 6000 FATH 2 (85) J J Colve 5-11-5 ... C McCorp 4 0096 PARSE SE 21 (9) T 136 7-11-1 ... E 8 -8-30 STARLIN SAM 18 J Stetarson 8-11-5 ... E 8 -8-30 STARLIN SAM 18 J Stetarson 8-11-5 ... P 0 8 6426 THE EBNS 11 D McCain 5-11-6 ... P 0

4.05 JENNINGS SNECK LIFTER MOVICES **HURDLE** (£2,351: 3m 2l) (9)

| 1-1911 | JESSOLLE 11 | F.B | 6 Richeck | 5-11-13 | ... | R Durmscody | 1-1911 | JESSOLLE 11 | F.B | 6 Richeck | 5-11-13 | ... | R Durmscody | 1-16 | 6000 RANO 46 (CDJF) S Kezisenell 17-11-12 | P Niver | 8 UC24 | RUSTINERN STAR 14 | 6-9 | J Pickering | 6-11-8 | Micas J Warmed | 77 | 4 UC24 | RUSTINERN STAR 14 | 6-9 | J Province | 6-11-1 | L O'Theu | 5 0005 BARRISTORMER 25 RF.F.S | E Rice 11-11-0 | D Parise | 6 0008 BUSY ROY 14 | D Leph 10-11-0 | J Burke | 7 00°5 DORT TREL JUSY 14 | RD Halle Millions | 8-11-0 | R Gartilly | 8 0003 WOODHOUSE LANC 28 | N Chamberlain | 5-11-0 | Micas | 6-11-0 | R Gartilly | 8 0003 WOODHOUSE LANC 28 | N Chamberlain | 5-11-0 | R Gartilly | 8 0003 WOODHOUSE LANC 28 | N Chamberlain | 5-11-0 | R Gartilly | 8 0003 WOODHOUSE LANC 28 | R San Table 28 | R 5-4 Jesselle, 7-2 Good Hand, 4-1 Horthern Star, 7-1 Biocoving Spring, 8-1 Royasen, 10-7 Bernetsener, 12-1 Don't Tell Judy, 14-1 others

4.35 PIONEER FOODS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,815: 2m 6f) (8)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

8.10 AMEC CIVIL ENGINEERING

TRANSERS: M Pigs. 3 elements from 7 romers, 42-9%, M Barnes, 7 from 19, 35.8%, L Longo, 3 from 10, 30.0%, G Richerte, 18 from 45, 28.9%; J J O'Nest, 4 from 16, 25.0% J OCKYS: A P Natowy, 3 elements from 7 fridm. 4.5%, P News., 10 from 28, 38.5%; R Dunescoly, 6 from 23, 26.1%; D J Mothel, 7 from 30, 23.3%.

4-1 Times Arch Bridge, 5-1 Young Precedent, 11-2 Thatched, 7-1 Mouche, 8-1 Fing Fig., 10-1 Band On The Ruo, Takkild, Bollin Frank, 12-1 Winers.

(3-Y-O: 52,947: 67) (16)

1 4-10 THREE FOR A POUND 23 (0.8) J Blown 9-7 ... G Carter 13
2 4-00 MININEST SHET 18 R Guest 9-5 ... P Bloomfeld 3
3 22-0 GPSY PRINCESS 32 (8LF) M W Examiny 9-4 ... B Partin (5) 5
4 26-0 COLONEL S PRIDE 12 R Whiteler 8-12 ... J Carroll 7
5 0-00 FINE TIMES 17 (N) C Facturest 8-9 ... J Winever 12
6 0-20 TARRADALE 12 C Booth 8-9 ... K Hodgeon 1
7 0330 SHIFT 11 (6) M Polyses 8-8 ... M Rimmer 8
8 0-00 ANGTIA 23 Mass 5 Hell 8-8 ... M Rimmer 8
8 0-90 ANGTIA 23 Mass 5 Hell 8-8 ... M Rimmer 8
9 0994 RIMIN LAD 12 J J Dunn 8-7 ... J June 14
10 -000 BOLD BRIEF 23 (8,5) D Smith 8-6 ... L Charmock 16
11 -006 SPARNONE HARRY 5 (8) Miss L Scidial 8-4 ... K Deday 15
12 5-112 CHILLING 8 (BL.G) N Timber 8-3 ... K Stool (7) 6
13 -000 STAR DT THE ROAD 18 J Car 8-1 ... W Keenody 9
14 66-0 DE PRE TECE 18 (7) M Easterly 8-0 Date Elsson 11
15 -410 EUROQUIEST 35 (8,0,6) D Nichols 7-10 ... R French (5) 10
16 D-00 REDSPET 20 S Bonting 7-10 ... J Brandill (8) 4
13-2 Challing, 8-1 Three For A Pound, Mistingel Shigt, 10-1 Signy Process, Smit,

13-2 Challing, B-1 Three For A Pound, Microphi Shill, 10-1 Gipsy Process, Swill, Reen Lad, 12-1 Spatisting Harry, Boroquest, 14-1 others

9.10 ST AGNESGATE STAKES (£3,566: 1m 2l) (13)

5-4 Greek Palace, 4-1 Tacoti, 6-1 Desby Darbak, 7-1 Asal Albard, 6-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Gooden, 15 winners from 54 minners, 27.8%, M Strute, 9 from 46, 19 6%, M Johnston, 18 from 105, 17 1%, B Hambury, 4 from 27, 14 8%, J Berry, 17 from 124, 13.7%, JOCKEYS: O Libbins, 5 winners from 19 fides, 25.62%; J Wesner, 20 from 55, 21.1%; A MicSione, 5 from 24, 20.8%; K Darley, 33 from 161, 20.5%.

8.40 ST MARYGATE HANDICAP

(3-Y-0: £2,947: 6f) (16)

THUNDERER

5.55 Katah. 6.20 MR BOMBASTIQUE (nap). 8.50 Walk The Beat. 7.20 Barrack Yard. 7.50 Tamure. 8.20 Golden Hadeer. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating:

NEWBURY

DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

5.55 EBF BOXFORD MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,610: 5t 34yd) (10 runners)

CORTACHY CASTLE 8 Meeton 9-0.
HADD 8 HBIS 9-0.
JOHN FRINELEY P Cole 9-0.
SANTORE R Homon 9-0.
SANTORE R Homon 9-0.
WATER RINGE 6 Ballong 9-0.
VATER RINGE 6 Ballong 9-0.
KATHA J Ecoten 8-9.
RUSSIAN ABOUT M Chunnon 8-9. 11-4 Katah, 7-2 Hadid, 4-1 Compositore, 5-1 John Ferneley, 1 Shadow, 10-1 Cortacity Castle, Passian About, 12-1 others. 7-1 Sanione 6-1 Blue

6.20 BASINGSTOKE CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,110: 1m 2f 6yd) (9)

(1) 0-8 ARTHUR'S SEAT 29 Lord Homonogon 9-7 ... L Dectors — [3] 2-80 MR BOMBASTICUE 16 (F) B Hills 9-7 ... Pat Eddory (8) (2) -002 L LLDO 16 R Harryon 9-4 ... Dome D'Heil 79 0048 CHEEF PERDAVION 4 R Harron B-1 ... J Raid (7) 0049 CHEEF PERDAVION 4 R Harron B-1 ... J Raid (7) (6) 40-0 PACDY HIRRY 38 No Kollaghum 8-8 ... S DOWING ... Candy Macris 6-8 ... Candy Macris 6-8 ... Candy Macris 6-8 ... Candy Macris 6-8 ... Candy Macris 7-1 -003 EPOMRME 8 M Campon 6-7 ... K Patton 97 (7) -003 EPOMRME 8 M Campon 6-7 ... T Cann 97 (4) 00-0 GRIGGER ROSERS 18 D Artestinol 8-8 ... S Whitevortin 82 5-4 Mr Bernbeckeun, 3-1 Double Gold, 5-1 Epotens, 10-1 Chiel Predator, Ludio, 12-1 Arthur's Stal, 16-1 Paddy Herry, 20-1 other:

5.50 KINGSTON SMITH HANDICAP SKY

3-1 Hight Hamony, 4-1 Mescab, 9-2 Always Alight, 6-1 Buyin, 7-1 Walt The Bess, 8-1 White Erw, Son Danzig, 10-1 Others.

7.20 MARSH BENHAM HANDICAP SKY

(£5,345: 71 64yd md) (16) | 1153 8822 RAIGS 10 (D.F.G.S) Nrs. I. Statos 7-0-10. Pat Editory | 1153 8822 RAIGS 10 (D.F.G.S) Nrs. I. Statos 7-0-10. Pat Editory | 1273 21-0 SHARP REBURF 13 (D.F.G.) P Matin 6-9-9. S Standers 90 (10 22 PERFECT PAL 11 Miss G kelleway 6-9-6 R Hungles 91 (10 1233 KNESBLEEMEZE 6 (V.D.F.G.S) M Demone 7-9-5 L Detain 93 (10 1233 KNESBLEEMEZE 6 (V.D.F.G.S) M Demone 7-9-5 L Detain 97 (10 1233 KNESBLEEMEZE 6 (V.D.F.G.S) M Demone 7-9-5 L Detain 97 (10 1233 KNESBLEEMEZE 6 (V.D.F.G.S) M Demone 7-9-5 L Detain 97 (10 1233 KNESBLEEMEZE 6 (V.D.F.G.S) M Demone 9-9-5 A Canal 88 (10 1233 KNESBLEEMEZE 6 (V.D.F.G.S) M Demone 9-9-5 A Canal 88 (10 1233 KNESBLEEMEZE 6 (V.D.F.G.S) M Demone 9-9-5 A Canal 88 (10 1233 KNESBLEEMEZE 6 (V.D.F.G.S) M Demone 9-9-5 A Canal 88 (10 1233 KNESBLEEMEZE 6 (V.D.F.G.S) M Demone 9-9-5 A Canal 88 (10 1233 KNESBLEEMEZE 6 (V.D.F.G.S) M Demone 9-9-5 A Canal 88 (10 1233 KNESBLEEMEZE 6 (V.D.F.G.S) M Demone 9-9-5 A Canal 88 (10 1233 KNESBLEEMEZE 6 (V.D.F.G.S) M Demone 9-9-5 A Canal 88 (10 1233 KNESBLEEMEZE 6 (V.D.F.G.S) M Demone 9-9-5 A Canal 88 (10 1233 KNESBLEEMEZE 6 (V.D.F.G.S) M Demone 9-9-5 A Canal 88 (10 1233 KNESBLEEMEZE 6 (V.D.F.G.S) M Demone 9-9-5 A Canal 88 (10 1233 KNESBLEEMEZE 6 (V.D.F.G.S) M Demone 9-9-5 A Canal 88 (10 1233 KNESBLEEMEZE 6 (V.D.F.G.S) M Demone 9-9-5 A Canal 88 (10 1233 KNESBLEEMEZE 6 (V.D.F.G.S) M Demone 9-9-5 A Canal 88 (10 1233 KNESBLEEMEZE 6 (V.D.F.G.S) M Demone 9-9-5 A Canal 88 (10 1233 KNESBLEEMEZE 6 (V.D.F.G.S) M Demone 9-9-5 A Canal 88 (10 1233 KNESBLEEMEZE 6 (V.D.F.G.S) M Demone 9-9-5 A Canal 88 (10 1233 KNESBLEEMEZE 6 (V.D.F.G.S) M Demone 9-9-5 A Canal 88 (10 1233 KNESBLEEMEZE 6 (V.D.F.G.S) M Demone 9-9-5 A Canal 88 (10 1233 KNESBLEEMEZE 6 (V.D.F.G.S) M DEMONE 9-9-5 A CANAL 88 (10 1233 KNESBLEEMEZE 6 (V.D.F.G.S) M DEMONE 9-9-5 A CANAL 88 (10 1233 KNESBLEEMEZE 6 (V.D.F.G.S) M DEMONE 9-9-5 A CANAL 88 (10 1233 KNESBLEEMEZE 6 (V.D.F.G.S) M DEMONE 9-9-5 A CANAL 88 (10 1233 KNESBLEEMEZE 6 (V.D.F.G.S) M DEMONE 9-9-5 A CANAL 88 (10 1233 KNESBLEEMEZE 6 (V.D.F.G.S) M DEMONE 9-9-5

16 (16) 3151 BEN GURRI 13 (D.F.S) P Wabaya 5-8-9 ... R Coolman 11 (9) 02-0 SDMFREGNS COURT 13 L Castell 4-8-9 ... R Roll 12 (4) 50-0 DUMBER GREET TIME 26 (V.D.F.CR) Lord Security 28-3-3 | 13 (7) 0004 SUEZ TORNADO 18 (Y,6) E Alston 44-7 | 0 Yearson 48 | 14 (17) -278 EUROSOX BOY 40 (RF.) A Jone 4-8-6 | C Carver (7) 53 | 15 (B) L-15 BARRACK YARO 22 (D,5) A Steward 4-8-2 | T Sprake 94 | 16 (2) 0006 WINSOME WOOSTER 207 (D,F,6,5) P Murphy 6-7-15 | N Yanley 93

5-1 Ben Gent 6-7 Rakis, 7-1 Duello. Barrack Yard, 8-1 Periect Pal Victory Team 10-1 Knobbleeneze, Xerrophon Of Cumpa, 12-1 others.

7.50 TARMAC CONDITIONS STAKES SKY (£4,735: 1m 2f 6yd) (8)

(5) 5-55 BEQUEATH 11 (BF,F,B) H Cecil 5-9-5 K Fallon 90 (3) 7-35 CAP JELLICA 28 (CD,F) R Chemiton 5-9-10 . . R Harghes 90 (2) 1/4 HELLICON 610 (6) S bin Surger 4-9-10 . . . Pat Editory 11 1417 WRGHT WATCH 615 (F,B) Badding 4-8-10 . . . Pat Editory 7-10 305- RIVER WORTH 285 (M,B,S) Lady Hems 7-8-10 . . L Decton 98 (8) 4-3 TABLIRE 16 (CD,F,C,S) J Gooden 5-10 . . . L Decton 98 (4) 4-2 WLMARA 10 (C,B,S) R Hemon 5-3-10 Decton 98 (4) 4-2 WLMARA 10 (C,B,S) R Hemon 5-3-10 Decton 99 (4) 126- MY LEWICIA 288 (BF,S) P Herra 4-8-5 . . . M Roberts 90 5-2 Tamora, 7-2 Cap Juliusa, 5-1 Helicon, Bequesin, 8-1 Wijasa, 10-1 My Lemcia, River North, 12-1 Right Watch

8.20 KENNETH ROBERTSON HANDICAP (£3,626: 1m 5f 61yd) (10)

5-2 Solden Hadect, 5-1 Tonica, 6-1 Brand New Dance, 7-1 Rusing Spray 8-1 Solgana, 10-1 Premier Night, 12-1 others.

HEREFORD

THUNDERER 6,30 Name Of Our Father. 7.00 Loughdoo. 7.30 Tight Fist, 8.00 Fleet Cadet. 8.30 Dubelle. 9.00 Beck And Call.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

6.30 BUTTAS NOVICES HURDLE (£2,472: 2m 3i 110yd) (11nanners)

1 3412 REAL MADRID 14 (6) 6 Enoph 6-11-7 2 2272 MARE OF GUR FATASR 11 (6) P Bowtin 4-11-1 3 DV5 THOUBEL AT MILL 182 J Brown 7-11-0 3 DV5 THOUBEL AT MILL 182 J Brown 7-11-0 5 -000 WESTCOAST 11 M Tate 6-11-0 6 4 WESTRIALD 35 A Commontain 5-11-0 7 1204 ARDISO 25 J Necelum 9-11-0 9 DV5 ARDISO 25 J Necelum 9-10-9 MP (9-20) BF IN SPACE 14 Mass P Whole 6-10-9 MP (9-20) BF IN SPACE 14 Mass P Whole 6-10-9 MP (9-20) BF IN SPACE 14 Mass P Whole 6-10-9 MP (9-20) BF IN SPACE 14 Mass P Whole 6-10-9 MP (9-20) BF IN SPACE 14 Mass P Whole 6-10-9 MP (9-20) BF IN SPACE 14 Mass P Whole 6-10-9 MP (9-20) BF IN SPACE 10-10 DISTANCE AT REAL MADRID 18 MP (9-20) BF IN STATE 6-1 Pa In Sta ... A Johnson Mr D S Jones 2-1 Real Madrid, 5-2 Name OI Our Faiher, 5-1 Be to Space, 6-1 8-1 Augus, 10-1 Westlield, Romanuc Warnor, 12-1 others

7.00 EDWARDIAN SELLING HANDICAP CHASE

(£2,780: 3m 1f 110yd) (18) EZ./BUI. STIT 11 T1 UyO) (18)

1 -PPD DESETT RUN 8 (5) P Rodord 9-11-13 . S Burrough
2 STIU SPRING TO IT 28 (BF.F.G) M Pps 11-11-9 . A P McCoy
3 D-2P RAGLAN ROAD 10RP (F.C.S) Mas A Embricos 13-11-5 K Gaula
4 PDP4 WODILAMD GENHRIE 22 (B.D.F) P Prictard 12-10-10

1 PDP L'UGANO PUI 18P (F.G.S) A Barrow 13-10-10 Mr. O McCPheel (7)

6 4009 RUSTINO 45P (B.S.) S Clush 11-10-9 . Miss R Clark 17)

7 P-14 JAY JAY'S VOYABE 46 (F) Mr. J Schwars 14-10-8 T Descorribe
8 9505 CODIL LUKE 26 (F.S.) F Murphy 8-10-5 . Mr. Williamson
9 8570 DOSME MATCH 2 (F.S.) L Strateg 16-10-4 . Mr. J J Prost
10 3224 JONANS CHUDLERIN 8 (G.F.6) J Type 14-10-4 . T J Mosters
11 3226 JONANS CHUDLERIN 8 (G.F.6) T Frost 10-10-3 . J Prost
12 /PPS TDP IT ALL 4 (B.S.) P Homes 9-10-5 . Williamson 12 /PPS TOP IT ALL 4 (8.6) F hierts 9-10-2 13 0804 LOUGHDOO 18 R Lee 9-10-0 14 0894 LTTLE ELLIOT 12 (9.5 Earls 9-10-0 15 1955 RUSTIC GENT 2 (8.5.8) D Burchell 9-10-0 16 PPSU AROUAN 23 Mass P Whole 6-10-0 17 4440 PANDORAS PROZE 2 (5) T WM 11-10-0 18 -0PS NAPOLEON'S BOLD 67 (V) A Foster 7-10-0 3-1 Spring To it 6-1 Jay Jay's Voyage, 7-1 L'Uomo Piu, 8-1 Turpin's Green Loughdon, 10-1 Boxing Malch, Jones Chudlergh, Rushic Gent, 12-1 others.

7.30 CHAIRMAN'S BOTH BIRTHDAY NOVICES CHASE (£3,453: 2m) (8)

1 2125 SLEAZEY 33 (D.F.) 46 O'Meni 6-11-6 . S CUITRO
2 4U01 TIGHT RS7 18 (D.F.B.S) Miss H Knight 7-11-6 . J F Tilley
3 PP36 HUICH DAMELS 18 (6) C Hemaloy 9-11-0 . Miss A Dudey (7)
4 0600 KUMARI RMS 19 A Caroll 7-11-0 . D Morris
5 83PP QUARTER MARKER 23 (P) R Lee 9-11-0 . R Johnson
6 4304 STEER POINT 18 R PORT 8-11-0 . J Frost
7 PS3F STEER POINT 18 R PORT 8-11-0 . Miss R Dark (7)
8 304F ZINE LAME 25 (D.F.B.) J O'Shan 5-10-8 . M A Rizgerald 6-4 Tight Fist, 4-1 Stearcy, 5-1 Zine Lane, 7-1 Stear Point, 6-1 Sunitate Shine, 10-1 Dunitet Marker, High Deniels, 12-1 Karmer King

8.00 RICHARD DAVIS MEMORIAL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,640: 2m 1f) (5)

1 4161 FLEET CADET 14 (V.C.F.G.S) M Ptps 6-11-10 8 Supple (3) 2 4266 PAIR OF JACKS 19 (D.F.G.) P Hobbs 7-11-6 D J Kennragh 3 F-44 SALMAN 44 (CD.F.G.) Mrs V Water 11-11-7 P Hernigy 4 4341 ZMIGBAR 2 (D.F.S.) J Bradety 5-11-6 (Bar) T Descende 5 0006 ROC ASE 14 6 Davies 6-10-0 . L Suthern (5)

8.30 GARNSTONE NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,983. 2m 3f) (7)

9.00 LEDGEMOOR NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,304, 3m 2f) (8)

1 644 BSCK AND CALL 21 Mass V Williams 6-11-0... M Williamson 2 12:13 DECYBORG 23 (D.BF.F) M Pipe 5-11-0... A P McCoy 3 002P RELUCKINO 92 (N.) J. If Sives 7-11-0... M A Fitzgerald 4 0041 STEP BI LIME 236 6 McCourt 5-11-0... D Forti (3) 5 FP13 TRUE FRED 239 (9) Ms A Pice 8-11-0... A Thornton ANMOSITY S knight 7-10-9... T Descombs 7 P4RD LADY ROSSBURY 11 R J Pice 7-10-9... T J Murphy 6 56 PAMALYN 7 S Bropkstran 5-10-9... C Maude 9-4 Beck And Call, 5-2 Decytory, 4-1 Step in Line 7-1 Retuckino, 8-1 Parastyn, 12-1 Trun Fred, 20-1 Animosity, Lady Rosebury

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRANERS: Mics V Williams, 5 womers from 9 numers, 55 6%. F Mappy 5 from 10, 50 0%; M Pipe, 36 from 113, 31 3%, J King, 6 from 23, 26 1%, P Mobbs, 15 from 53, 23 6%, J Maddins, 5 from 31, 16 1%, Miss H Kright, 5 from 33, 16 1%, Miss H Kright, 5 from 33, 16 1%, Miss H Kright, 5 from 33, 16 1%, 16 1%, 16 1%, 17 from 50, 26 3%, T J Mapphy 5 from 19, 26 3%, M A Fitzgerald, 14 from 69, 20 3%, N Withamson, 12 from 64, 18 8%

YARMOUTH

2.10 Fairy Domino 2.40 Muhtafril 3.10 Calamander

3.45 Ertion

4.45 Esperto

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.40 SWAN LANE (nap). 4.15 Fortune Hopper, 4.45 Esperto.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

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3.45 DAVID STUTT HANDICAP

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Selection: GOOMERSHAM PARK (nap)

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FORM FOCUS

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Hill Farm Blues in sellang handicap al Nothingham
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SPECIALISTS

YARMOUTH: Treiners M Channon 9 winners from 35 runners, 22 9%, J Gooden, 17 from 85, 20 0% M Bell, 13 from 73, 17 8%; J Dunlog 4 from 26 15 4% C Britism, 19 icom 142, 13 4%, J Fanshave, 10 from 75, 13 3% Jookeys L Destor, 24 winners irom 120 ndes 20,0% W Ryan, 20 from 110 18 2% G Carrer 7 from 51, 13 7%, M Fenton 7 from 61, 11 5%, J Stack, 3 from 28, 11 5%.

28, 11.5%, NEWBURY: Trainers: J Gosden: 31 winners from 128 numers, 24.2%, Mics G halleway 5 from 26, 19.2%, R Churton, 18 from 116, 15.7%, Lady Hernes 8 from 59, 13.6%, A Stowar, 4 from 30, 13.3%, H Caol, 12 from 95, 12.5% Jockeys: J Red: 53 winners from 200 rides; 18.5%, L Deflot, 40 from 212, 16.9%, T Outnit, 31 from 260, 11.9%, Pal Eddery, 31 from 273, 11.4% R Cochrane, 16 from 142, 10.7%, C Hamson, 13 from 124, 10.5%



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Newmarket, Total 65-20, 52-20, 52-20,
52-50 (7) Going: good to firm, firm in places 2.45 (8) 1. AFAAN (Mrs. M. Morrat. 7.2 (stv.):
2. Gay Breeze (Mr. J. Goldston, 6-11-3. High Specie Miss. A Cernel 12-11; 4. Priory Gardens (Mrs. V. Roberts, 25-11; 4.150 (RAN 8 Hr. Mustard: 12 Chef's Lady, 14 High Species (Mrs. Carton Ror. Hazons Eucoure, Sussi Costo, Mrs. Mrs. Carton Ror. Hazons Eucoure, Sussi Costo, Willey Mrs. 20 Bellemate, Mystic Mad. Splashed, Stolen Muse, 25 Commin Up. Marchadam Durchod Ghil, Seath Mrs. Splashed, 10 Auguston, 20 Eaguston, Rustic Song, Saturba, (Namightone 25 and Mrs. Misser Seat. 251-11; 12, 14, nl. R. Mayon at Dorressian Tour 15-80, 21-70, 22-30, 22-40, 230-20 (DE: 510-80). The £26-50 (CSF: E20-26 (Tricas) (236-60).

3.15 (5) 1. BLESSINGINDISGUISE (L. Chernock, 11-2); 2. Moon Strike (O. Unbins, 9-1); 3. Anterche Storm (F. Norion, 100-1); ALSO RAN; 5-2 For The Present, 6 Insider Trader (4th), Swysford Orsan, 8 Squire Corrie (8th), 10 Spender (8th), 12 Royal Dome, 18 Tarl And A Hell, 20 Brecongil Lad, 25 Saylord Thrust, Top Of The Form 13 ran, 34, 134, 11, sh hd, 21, M W Esclarby at Sheriff Hation, 101e* (52:20, 52:20, 52:20, 52:20, 51:50 DF- 233:00, The Offs 40 dpart work, poet in Eschi 84 content forwards to 3 45 at Yermouth today), CSF: SSZ.15, Tracest 24, 278:03.

Fenton, 9-2). ALSO RAN' 6 Alfied Academy (Stri), Madison Mist (Stri), Cuest For Best (4tri), 12 Lightning Rebel, 20 Court Express, 33 Desert Cat, 50 Degree, 10 min. 2/21, 71, 31, 31, 21, Miss S Hell at Middlefram Totle, £5.70; £1.30, £1.60, £1.80 DF: £7.10. Trio: £13.60 CSF:£14.50.

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4.45 (7) 1, WEETMAN'S WEIGH (F Lynch, 3-1); 2, Quilling (J Fortune, 11-4 latt); 3 Toujours Riviers (C Teegue, 11-2) ALSO RAN 100-30 Mountgate (4th), 7 Move With Edea 10 Sportled Eagle (5th), 40 Prominent (6th) 7 ran 11, 21, 11, 12, 13, R Hollinsheed at Upper Longdon Tolve 23.30; 22.00, £1.80 DF £5.00. CSF £10.62. Going: good to firm

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E78.00 Trio: £520.20 CSF: £127.45. | Mukaddar (6th) 6 ran 3t. 3t. 1 4t. 6t. 5t M Tricast £991.39 | Stoute at Newmarket, Tote £1 60, £1 10 | Stoute at Newmarket, Tote £1 60, £1 10 | C1.50 DF: £2 10 CSF £2.90 Jackpot: not won (pool of £34,557.17 carried forward to Folkastone today). Placepot £18.20. Quadpot £12.70 Leicester

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5.00 (1m 31 183yd) 1, SCARROTS (S Drowne, 11-1), 2, Mystic Quest (J Reid 3-11ay); 3, Persian Blue (Dane O'Neil, 7-1), ALSO RAN-4 As-Is (3m), 9-2 Nock O'l Time 9 Beauchsmp Lion (4m), Tycon Time (5m), 10 Bonne Ville, 25 Kustom ket Klassic, Yangtze, 50 Hippios, 11 ran NR Greenwich Fore Nk, shind, 1-1, 1-1 nk, S Williams at Newmarket Tote 210-40, 22.10, 21, 60, 22-40, DF 227-40 Trior 288, 10 CSF: £41.27 Thoast £237.04 Placepot: £37.00. Quadrot: £54.0. ☐ Fergal Lynch lost his right to claim with a victory on Weetman's Weigh in the Billingham Limited Stakes at

Redcar yesterday. It was the 95th success of his career. 🛘 Steve Drowne picked up a two-day ban for careless riding after his win on Scarrots in the Coronation Handicap at

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BY IVO TENNANT

LEICESTER (Somerset Won toss): Leicestershire beat

ON A pitch that was not of the

requisite standard for a Ben-

son and Hedges Cup quarter-

final, a low-scoring contest

culminated in the Somerset

tail not quite being able to

atone for the failings of their

recognised batsmen. Rob Turner and Andy Caddick

added 60 for the ninth wicker

in 11 overs, which was by some

way the highest partnership of

the imnings, but it was in-

The pitch was the same one

that was used for the Sunday

league match two days before,

which was not ideal. There

was hardly a batsman on

either side who did not find

acquiring runs an arduous

task. Several, particularly in

the Somerset upper order, seemingly got out through frustration at not being able to

Somerset by 20 runs

Hollioake's heady week continues as Essex capitulate

CHELMSFORD (Surrey won the toss): Surrey beat Essex by

CRICKET will not always seem so simple to Adam Hollioake but, while the force remains with him, he is making every moment count. As captain of Surrey, the meteor of English cricket had little to do yesterday bar winning the toss, changing the bowling and bringing himself on to take two wickets in his first over. However, the crushing of Essex, by a familiar margin of six wickets, was symptomaric of his heady week.

Surrey have had some bad days against these hostile neighbours -- 14 all out in 1983 still rankles - and, by the visible and audible evidence, there is little love lost. The game, however, did not match the atmosphere and a fullhouse crowd had begun trailing home long before the anticlimactic end.

Hollioake was not even required to hit the winning runs, a duty performed by Mark Butcher with a massive 45 balls to spare. Essex, previnusly unbeaten in all competi-

tions, had committed the crime of being bowled out well inside their 50-over quota, and for a total perhaps 60 runs short of their optimum on a blameless pitch. It was an awfully long way back from

Surrey, whose solitary Benson and Hedges Cup was gained 23 years ago, will take some stopping this summer. They reached the target of 215 unextended, after a typically beiligerent launch Alistair Brown, and they hope to be reinforced next week by the arrival of the Pakistan offspinner Saqlain Mushtaq.

It had been Surrey's intention to get by without overseas help, after Brendon Julian's recruitment to the Australia tour party. Their mind has been altered by international calls and injuries and, sad though it is that an admirable initiative has been abandoned. Saglain will give them a different dimension.

Essex, in contrast, must play appreciably better than this if their stimulating start to the season is not to come to grief. They lost wickets too quickly, some of them to unworthy strokes, and their slim prospects of defending an inadequate score vanished when Graham Thorpe was dropped twice, on two and

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Some things about this ground are touchingly familiar. There will always be chaos at the car park gates, for instance, and Graham Gooch will always be in the nets, having throw-downs from Alan Lilley, soon after breakfast. Normally, it will follow that Gooch is making a sequence of formidable scores but this part of the equation is significantly absent.

Gooch, indeed, is in dange of reaching the end of May without a half-century to his name, and few things in cricket are more unthinkable than that. Yesterday's dismiss al was in tune with what he freely refers to as "my nightmare". Looking to glance a ball from Chris Lewis that was missing leg stump by six inches, he was bowled off his

This was the third Essex wicket to fall for the addition of three runs after their openers, Paul Prichard and Stuart Law, had shared 34 in five overs. The innings never quite recovered. For all the merit of Nasser Hussain's 52 and Ronnie Irani's fluent 38, their stand of 71 in 12 overs was a sole worthwhile partnership. Martin Bicknell took three

crucial wickets, swinging the ball late in two waspish spells. Things might have turned out differently if Brown's looping first-ball miscue had not come to ground safely between point and extra-cover. He bludgeoned the next delivery through mid-off for four and. thereafter, batted with the authority of a man who has

just made 157 in a Sunday Saltie. Stewart clipped a simple catch to mid-wicket in Mark liott's first over and Ben Hollioake faced only nine balls - four of which he hit for fours - before playing across oddly out of sorts but Essex took pity upon him and the third wicket added 110 in 22

Brown and Thorpe were both to fail before the end, but there was no sense of Essex clawing their way back. Butcher, plainly a candidate to open the England innings next week, played with quiet precision and the game had a curious end when Nadeem Shahid injured himself while walking to the middle. There was not too much else for the crowd to remember.



Walker sets fierce pace for Kent

CANTERBURY (Warwickshire won toss): Kent beat Warwickshire by four wickets

KENT have never forgiven Warwickshire for beating them in a Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-final three years ago in a "bowl-out" that they believe should never have happened. They took a most satisfying revenge yesterday, successfully chasing a target rarely achieved in this competition. Set 305 to win, they got home with three balls to spare.

Actually, the outcome had been in little doubt for some time, so well did Matthew Walker, the Kent opener, strike the ball from the outset of his wonderful innings of 117 from 119 balls. Kent are such a

richly talented one-day side that they are not daunted by many tasks, but Walker's eagle-eyed hitting square on both sides of the wicket launched them on their way in spectacular fashion.

This is becoming something of a habit for Walker, 23, who has come on leaps and bounds in the past 12 months after struggling to establish a firstteam place in the Kent side. This was his fourth score of more than 50 in the cup this season, but his first century in any limited-overs competition and his progress has been so dramatic that there may be better things to come.

Kent would not have managed it without pugnacious contributions on a batsman's pitch from Fleming, Llong, Cowdrey and Ealham. The

last two were batting when the heat was greatest — Cowdrey hitting the winning runs and finishing with an unbeaten 39 from 26 balls - but Llong had the greatest reason for satisfaction. He it was who missed so expensively in the Edgbaston bowl-out.

Warwickshire, whose own innings was also built around a belligerent century, in this case from Neil Smith, will be mortified to lose in such circumstances, but the result might have been different had not Donald broken down. Their strike bowler hobbled off the field clutching the left side of his back after sending down only 12 legitimate balls - plus five illegitimate ones, slung down the leg-side at a cost of 14 wides. Even more expensively, his replacement,

Shelich, dropped a simple chance from Fleming that cost 34 runs. Smith and Brown, both

promoted to "give it some tap", deserve credit for giving Warwithshire a blazing start of their own after Knight, continuing his uncertain run, failed to survive the first over, bowled by a ball from McCague that deviated little. After seven overs, Warwickshire were 56 for one. Smith, reprieved by Wells at

slip on 51, stayed to score 125 from 119 balls, his highest one; day score and Warwickshire's first century of the season. He shared a fourth-worker stand of 103 in 21 overs with Ostler but a mai of 300 looked unlikely until some judicious late hining from Welch and

drive fast and slow bowlers alike with any fluency. Rose took wickets in each of his first three overs and would have had one in his fourth had

sufficient

Harden not dropped a straightforward slip catch. It was a costly error, for Whitaker, who had made filtree, finished with 51, the second highest score of the much. His parmership with Smith realised 102 in 22 overs.

There was scant turn, but spin proved as effective as pace. Mushtaq Ahmed had a tight spell, Trump took four wickets, including holding a splendid catch off a fierce orive by Whitaker, and only Aftab Habib batted sensibly at the end of the Leicestershire innings. It was the Somerset fielding that let them down. Smith; whose 61 included six fours, was missed on 14, and Whitaker was dropped a second time when he had made

Somerset needed only 198. For a cup quarter-final, that was no great score. Yet Milins, who bowled his ten overs straight through at a considerable pace, proved irrepressible. He yorked Kerr. had Burns caught at the wicket cating at a wide one, and had

His figures of three for 36. plus an excellent low catch at mid-wicket to account for Rose, won him the gold award. When Bowler went, held at the wicket off Dakin, Somerset were 100 for seven. That should have been that.

Yet Turner and Caddick unexpectedly batted with far more spirit and concentration than those batsmen who had gone before them. The wicketkeeper was last out, held at deep mid-wicket looking to hit a full toss from Brimson over the boundary.

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Gatting hands over Middlesex captaincy

· BY ALAN LEE

A DISTINGUISHED era ended yesterday when Mike Gatting stood down as captain of Middlesex, having led them to eight trophies in 14 seasons. The job will pass immediately to Mark Ramprakash, who will lead the county against Northamptonshire at Lord's tomorrow.

Gatting, who will be 40 next week, cited increasing duties as an England selector for his decision. "It was always our plan that Mark Hardstaff, the Middlesex secretary, said. "But Mike has found his work for

England more onerous

than he expected." It is an honest and selfless withdrawal by Gatting, and one that reflects anxiety over his new national responsibilities. He needed to be persuaded that the time was right for him to join the selection panel. and now plainly feels that it would be unfair to all concerned to spread his

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time too thinly. Although he remains contracted to Middlesex as a player until the end of 1998, the implicit promise of a coaching position with the club could persuade him into retirement a year early. Gatting is part of the

furniture at Lord's, where he made his debut for Middlesex in 1975. When Mike Brearley retired in 1982, having led the side for 12 seasons, Gatting was an obvious choice as successor and his tenure has brought pionships and success in each of the three one-day competitions.

His batting form, however, has been ailing since his retirement from Test cricket and, last summer, he managed only 761 championship runs. He has made a similarly modest start to this season and, with a career total of 91 first-class centuries, it seems unlikely he will now join the elite 23 players to have made 100.

Capel guarantees smooth passage First he took five for 51, including a spell second over but it was not until

ALL the talk this week has been of the Hollicake brothers and how Adam or Ben might one day fill Ian Botham's boots in the England side, but it was a man who was trying to do that a decade ago who gave Northamptonshire a surprisingly straightforward passage into the semifinals of the Benson and Hedges Cup.

Like so many cricketers who have occupied the England all-rounder's pos-ition in recent times, David Capel has inevitably suffered in comparison with Botham. Suffice to say that Botham or either of the Hollioakes, come to that, would have been proud of the performance that he produced vesterday.

of four for three in nine deliveries, to tear
HEADINGLEY (Northamptonshire won toss): Northamptonshire beat Yorkshire
by seven wickets

of four for three in nine deliveries, to tear
the heart out of the Yorkshire batting.
Then he struck 67 out of 90 for the first caught behind, that the wickets started to wicket to give Northamptonshire just the tumble. McGrath was leg-beiore first start they wanted in pursuit of 254.

Needless to say, he won the gold award, surprisingly his first in 61 Benson and Hedges matches, although he was generous enough to say afterwards that he felt it should have gone to his captain. Rob-Bailey, who not only won an important toss but guided his side to victory with an undefeated 70.

The pitch was the same one that had been used for the recent one-day international and, on an overcast morning, there was seam, swing and, from the Kirkstail Lane End, a suggestion of uneven bounce. although for a while Northamptonshire did not make the most of it.

Byas did drive over a yorker in Akram's

ball. White drove to extra cover and Blakey edged to second slip in rapid

It was left to Vaughan, shrugging off a nasty blow on the fingers strin Capel, to lead the recovery in a shall-wicker stand of 115 with Parker. Vaughan made 66 and Parker 58 and, with a bit of help from the tail. Yorkshire seemed to have a competi-

Capel soon made a nonsense of that. He scored his 67 off only 59 balls, hitting two sixes and rine fours, and, with Montgomerie playing the anchor role to: perfection until he was run out for 39, all Bailey had to do was keep a cool head to... see his side home in the evening sunshine.

Unreplease M J Kitchen and J H Harris.

WARWICKSHIRE

Total (8 wids, 50 overs) ... G.C Small did not but.

Kent v Warwickshire

FALL OF WICKETS 1-8, 2-72, 3-100, 4-208, 5-242, 6-242, 7-303, 8-303.

BOWLING McCague 8-0-63-1; Hearley 7-0-42-0; Eathern 10-0-63-2; Fleming 10-0-68-3; Skeing 10-0-68-7; Llong 5-0-36-0.

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Atherton forgets the plot of home and away series

Perhaps he was feeling light-headed after thrashing Australia, but Michael Atherton made an arresting remark during the England captain's triumphal press conference at Lord's on Sunday. Asked why his team's record in one-day matches is so much better at home than overseas, he said that, on tour, England were confined to a small group of players, some of whom were not one-day specialists. In England, we have 400 professionals to choose from." he said. This statement was deliv-

ered with such aplomb that no one had the temerity to question it. Was it only a year ago that England hand-picked a squad of 14 one-day wonders to contest the World Cup with such singular lack of success? Was it only 18 months ago that five one-day specialists were flown out to strengthen the team in South Africa, where England proceeded to lose a himited-overs series 6-1. Last winter, it is true, the

likes of Graeme Hick and Chris Lewis were left at home. but it was England's decision - one that some thought smacked of arrogance - to take only 14 players to Zimbabwe. The upshot was that they were trounced in the one-day series, 3-0. Atherton says that England

are considering a change in personnel before the five oneday matches that round off the tour of the Caribbean next winter. The results will be awaited with interest.

Stubbed out?

FREE ADMISSION

The Government's proposed legislation on the sponsorship of sports events by tobacco companies has thrown into

doubt the long-term future of the Benson and Hedges Cup, the fourth and youngest of the county competitions. Assuming Benson and Hedges does not find a way round the ban -as tobacco sponsors have in other countries - sponsorship may be sought from a cleaner-living backer.

But the cup may go up in smoke anyway, as the Eng-land management committee is preparing to publish a blueprint for county cricket later this summer and there is an influential lobby in favour of restricting the programme to three competitions.

Good schooling

All eyes are on the Australians, of course, but another touring team arrived at the weekend: the mighty St Thomas's College, Mount Lavinia. one of the best teams in Sri Lanka, whose visit represents something of a reconnaissance mission for the country that will come here to defend the World Cup in 1999. Schools cricket on the island

is breathtakingly strong. bringing to the fore exciting young talent at an enviable rate. Five members of the St Thomas's team have already played for the national underside and three former national captains - Amura Tennekoon, Michael Tissera and Dulcep Mendis, the Sri Lanka manager -- are old boys. There must be a good chance that some of the party will be returning with the full team in two years' time.

The St Thomas's boys may find attendances rather small however. Their meeting with their arch-rivals, Royal College, Colombo, is one of the leading events in the island's

sporting calendar, attracting crowds of up to 15,000. Four years ago, the match aroused more interest than England's laboured efforts in a Test match elsewhere in the city."

The boys, who plan to run their eye over England and Australia at Edgbaston next week, play the first match of their three-week tour at Horley today. They face their biggest challenge when they take on the Surrey under-25 side at Avorians CC, Cobham, on June 11. Tony Banks, the Sports Minister, has been invited to attend.

Space invader.

Advance warnings of traffic jams are always welcome, so here is a tip: stay off the roads between Cornwall and London next spring. The proposed new media centre at Lord's so futuristic in appearance that some suspect it will attract friendly signals from passing Martian spacecraft -is being assembled in a dry shipyard in Falmouth and will be brought to St John's Wood by lorry in 24 parts. MCC hopes that these abnormal loads" will make their journeys overnight, as anyone stuck behind such a convoy could be alienated from cricket

for life. It was intended that the media centre would start functioning early next season, but that is now unlikely. "Even when the centre is in place, there will be an enormous amount of work to be done fitting it out," Chris Rea, the MCC assistant secretary for marketing, said. "It looks now as though it will not be ready until the World Cup."

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Centenary snub leaves Boniperti out in the cold

AS JUVENTUS, holders and favourities, prepare for the European Cup final, as they celebrate their 100th anniversary, all should be harmony, sweetness and light. Alas, it is not Two of the club's former titans. Gianni Agnelli and Gianpiero Boniperti, have truly put the cat among the pigeons.

Agnelli, always known as L'avrocato, the lawyer, is notorious-ly mischievous. Still one of the most powerful men in Italy, formerly the head of Fiat, long the chief patron of Juventus, sports journalists hang on his lightest words. Boniperti was his protege, a

blond, blue-eyed matinee idol, al-ready an Italy international 50

and Italy, scorer of two goals for the Rest of the World against England at Wembley in 1953. Umberto Agnelli, the present Juventus president and Gianni's younger brother, is no friend.

Gianni, on Boniperti's retirement from football, put him into agricultural machinery, made him rich and then made him the Juve president. Imagine, then, the outrage when "Boni", very recently. was not invited to Juventus's cente-

For Boniperti, it was the last straw. His pride had already been hurt when the club announced that years ago, when he was 19, later the best of their players had been

Brian Glanville finds the European champions beset by political feuding and transfer talk

not himself but the little Argentinian inside left, Omar Sivori, who had joined the club only in 1957. He and Boniperti played either side of

John Charles in attack and Juve won the League. Boniperti was not invited and Roberto Bettega, himself a star for Juventus and Italy, now vice president and the club's main man. insisted no insult to Boniperti had been intended. He would, like other ex-players, be invited to a subsequent festa. An ex-player? Insult was added to injury. Boniperti had

not just been a player, but a hugely successful president.

Agnelli upset his club by publicly deriding Juve's dull display in their important recent league match inst Parma, who still then had a slight chance of catching them. "Pitiful," he said, which deeply offended Bettega, Luciano Moggi, the club's chief wheeler-dealer, and its administrator, Antonio Giraudo. All three are said to have content plated resignation.

Then, there are the questions of

Piero. both young, both interna-tionals. Vieri, after an uneasy start and some battles with the Juve mach Marcello Lippi, has settled down to score goals; a powerful striker, born in Australia, son of the "fantasist" inside forward, Roberto Vieri. A menace in the box with foot

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Would Juve really sell him to Atlètico Madrid, despite an offer that would give them a huge profit on what they paid Atalanta for him last summer? True, they sold Fabrizio Ravanelli and Gianluca Vialli soon after last year's European Cup final, but Vieri is a much unger man.

Lippi, however, is to acquire the Uruguay striker, Daniel Fonseca,

poor season there. Lippi. who managed him at Napoli. clearly thinks he can revive him.

Thus there will be an embarrassment of riches in attack and, while del Piero is one of the most gifted Italians of his generation, still only 22, injury has rendered him inactive for most of this year. His E500.000-a-year contract, which runs until 2000, looked fine when he signed it, but, when the Bosman ruling was accepted in Italy, other stars outstripped him. His agent, who also looks after Vialli, wants

So Juventus, who seem to think any player expendable, could well transfer both young stars.

united in wish to return to Munich

BY ROB HUGHES

THE 500 million people worldwide who will tune in to watch the European Cup final between Juventus and Munich tonight will see two old boys reunions.

First, in strictly sporting terms, the Borussia Dortmund squad includes five players who formerly played for Juventus. The second reunion will touch far more of humanity: it will be the first time that the eight Manchester United players who survived the 1958 Munich air crash will have revisited the city or, indeed, the hospital that treated them, since the disaster that killed a further eight of their col-

leagues, among the 23 people who died. Now aged between 58 and 65, the survivors are Jackie Blanchflower, Bill Foulkes, Sir Bobby Charlton. Harry Gregg. Kenny Morgans, Albert Scanlon, Dennis Viollet and Ray

Sir Bobby has put off a business trip to join his colleagues, Viollet has flown across the Atlantic from his home in Florida, and the fact that all eight players readily agreed to the reunion surprised even their hosts, the Mayor of Munich and Uefa, the gov-erning body of football in Europe.

The idea came about with the possibility that Manchester United would reach this final, and the club had already sounded out the survivors before they were knocked out in the semi-finals, by Dort-

"They were so excited not afraid or traumatised." Frits Ahlstrom, the media director of Uefa, said, "so we felt we should extend the invitation on our own account. The chief surgeon at Hospital Rechts der Isar, who treated Man Busby and others, Professor Georg Maurer, has died, but the survivors will

meet his assistant. Profes-

sor Hans Schafer." Uefa, aware that the air crash of February 6, 1958, understandably leaves an immovable scar on the memories of the survivors, will make every effort to shield the VIP guests from intrusion once they are in the city, at the hospital, and finally at the European Cup final, which was the purpose for their travels through Munich in the first place.

Football administration with a human touch.

Juventus to extend European rule in imperial fashion

FASHION still belongs to Milan but Juventus are likely to ensure that they remain the current vogue when they take on Borussia Dortmund in the European Cup final in the Olympic Stadium in Munich tonight. A centenarian she may be, but the Old Lady of Juventus is once more the darling of the catwalks.

Alex : Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, and not a man lightly given to professing admiration, is a confirmed fan of the Italian club's methods. Ronald de Boer, the Ajax defender, said they were like a team from another planet" in the wake of his club's crushing defeats at their hands last month.

Anyone with money to spend speaks forlornly of how they would like to tempt Zinedine Zidane, the French midfield player who is being called "the new Platini", away from Turin before confessing that there is little chance of enticing him to another club. Ferguson, it is said, would like to play him in the role Eric Cantona has just vacated.

Other players, even an icon. like Alessandro del Piero, are apparently considered dispensable assets, like Gianluca Vialli and Fabrizio Rayanelli before them, proof of the cliche that no player is bigger than

In the season since they bear Ajax on penalties in last year's European Cup final, Juventus have swept all before them. They beat the South American champions, River Plate, to become world club champions, they humiliated Paris Saint-Germain to claim the European Super Cup and, last Friday, they claimed back the Italian championship from Milan by drawing with Atlan-

ra in Bergamo. Much of it has been

and Alen Boksic, Juve's injured first-choice strikers, who have been replaced seamlessly by Christian-Vieri and Nicola the abilities of the coach,

Marcello Lippi. Lippi, 49, was ridiculed by many for allowing Vialli and Ravanelli to depart, but the recruitment of Zidane and Paolo Montero, a Uruguayan who has strengthened an already formidable defence, has forced acceptance that last year's version does not bear

comparison to the new model. "Juvenius will win," Johan Cruyff, the former Barcelona manager, said. "I admire what



Zidane "new Platini"

they have achieved. They have not been carried away by this fixation with foreign players." down on Juventus as though they have already beaten Borussia Dortmund. That they are favourites is certain. but the Germans will be on

home soil, playing the liberat-ed football of a team with nothing to lose Their build-up has not been quite as forceful as that of Juventus. Their pursuit of a much-coveted and, for them, unprecedented third successive Bundesliga title ended

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Munich, Jürgen Klinsmann et al, beat them to it. But, as far back as the beginning of April, when they were preparing for the semi-finals against United, they resigned themselves to that fate and began to concentrate instead on the European

Like Juventus, Dortmund beat the English champions at home and away. Like Juventus, they did not concede a goal in the process and, through their elimination of a team whose destiny was supposed to be to win the trophy in the city where so many of their great team perished in the air crash of 1958, they may have gained extra strength.

The key to their chances of an upset is likely to lie in the form of their Juventus old boys, Andreas Moller and Jürgen Kohler, who were both outstanding against United at Old Trafford a month ago. Moller has been having a

torrid time in Germany of late, assuming the mantle of the country's most spectacular acrobat from Klinsmann. "It is no fun watching this actor," Uli Honess, the Bayern Munich general manager, said, "he's always crying." Lothar Matthaus, the Bayern veteran, also infuriated Moller by stroking his eyes and pretending to make tears run down

Tonight, though, Germany will be united in its support of Dormund. The country gained the upper hand over Italy in European competition last week, when Schalke 04 broke the nerve of Internazionale in a penalty shoot-out to win the Uefa Cup.

With Moller's pedigree at spot kicks, Dortmund's best chance may be to try to emulate Ajax's achievement of last year and force Juventus into the lottery that follows last weekend when Bayern extra time.



Alan Smith, left, the physiotherapist, trains with Gascoigne as England prepare to meet Poland. Report, page 52

Ince attracted by extra time in Italy

By RUSSELL KEMPSON

PAUL INCE, the England and internazionale midfield player, is likely to stay in Italy next season. He spoke with Massimo Moratti, the Inter president, at the weekend and was offered a two-year extension to his contract, which still has 12 months to run.

Ince, 29, will give Moratti his decision next week, before England begin their threematch series in the Tournoi de France by playing Italy in Nantes on Wednesday. It is expected to end speculation that he would return to the FA Carling Premiership during the summer.

"I've not yet given a definite reply but, at the moment, it looks more likely that I will stay put," Ince said yesterday. "If I had to make a prediction,

I'd say there is a 70 per cent ing a suitable school for their chance that I'll continue my career in Milan.

When I spoke with the president, he offered me a twoyear extension to my contract, which is a major show of faith on his part. I promised to give him a definite answer next Tuesday. My trip to England is to join up with the national squad, nothing else. I have no intention of looking for a buyer or meeting with other

Ince reported for England training yesterday with a slight knee injury but it is unlikely to prevent him from playing in the World Cup qualifying match against Po-land in Chorzow on Saturday. He also dismissed reports that his wife, Claire, preferred a move back to England because of difficulties in findson. Thomas, five.

"We still have a few family problems to sort out, especially Thomas's schooling, but it's not true that Claire is unhappy or is urging us to return home, "Ince said, "She realises how much inter's fans love me - and I feel the same about Chelsea are pursuing their

initial interest in Bernard Lama, the France and Paris Saint-Germain goalkeeper. and are hoping to negotiate a reduced fee because of his fivemonth suspension after testing positive for cannabis. "It's a factor that could bring down his price." Ken Bates, the Chelsea chairman, said

yesterday. Lama, 34, has to serve only two months of his sentence three months were suspended

- and would not be available to play until August, close to the start of the 1997-98 season. "I've got a year left on my contract but, if I get an offer from a big European club, I'll take it." Lania said.

A first-half goal from Dan Petrescu gave the FA Cup winners a I-0 win over Thailand in Bangkok yesterday as they continued their tour of the

Reading, the Nationwide League first division club, are to ask permission from Wolverhampton Wanderers to approach Colin Lee, their assistant manager. If Lee leaves for Elm Park, where he was previously assistant to Mark McGhee for three years, he is expected to take with him Dave Merrington, the Wolves chief scout and a former Southampton manager.

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Scot unable to play in Hamburg

COLIN MONTGOMERIE. of Scotland, the European No I golfer, has withdrawn from the Tournament Players Championship, which is due to begin in Hamburg on Thursday, "for personal reasons". Montgomerie's withdrawal came less than 24 hours after he returned a 64, the best round of the Volvo PGA championship at Went-worth, to take lifth place in the

Severiano Ballesteros, the Europe Ryder Cup captain, will play in Hamburg, how ever, despite his withdrawal from the tournament at Wentworth after one round with a recurring back injury.

Rifle shooting: David Cal-vert the RAF officer who won the Commonwealth Games gold medal for target rifle, lost the Irish Open championship, which he has held for the past five years, to Martin Miliar. his Commonwealth Games partner, the winner of the 1994 Queen's Prize.

Athletics: Denise Lewis, the only female British athlete to win a medal at the Olympic Games in Atlanta last year, in the heptathion, will begin her competitive season at the event in the Gotzis invitation combined events meeting in Austria on May 31 and June 1.

Motor sport: The Benetion team has confirmed that it will pull out of Formula One grand prix racing at the end of the season. Luciano Benetton. the group chairman, has reportedly put the team up for sale because of mounting costs

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WORD-WATCHING

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(b) The bark of a dog or other such animal that barks. A variant of wiff, both of them onomatopoeic and echoic. "Little squirrels have quite a large vocabulary, a bark or wough when suddenly alarmed."

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Merseyside's firefighters (BBCL 8.15pm)

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There are so many police shows on the box that they can easily get confused, but this is the one about the rapid response team with silly nick-inames, who ride around together in a white van. For the new strice, Figh. Thug. Token and the rest are degramented by a new recruit, PC Reaper, who there is known west for it, as Grim. However, it is Dippy (Kairma Levon), the stam's sole but by no means token woman, who takes centre stage. Dippy seems destined to be unjucky with men. No wonder she has such a stony face. Last time, she had assettless with Token, not pregnant and lost the

hair smaller with Token, got pregnant and lost the

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Radio 3. 700pm

Peter Waymark

RUGBY UNION: ENGLAND'S NO 10 SEEKS REVERSAL OF FORTUNES WITH BRITISH LIONS

Grayson renews familiar rivalry

RUGBY CORRESPONDENT IN EAST LONDON

THE past three months have provided Paul Grayson with a series of injuries and missed opportunities that, for a player who has still to offer overwhelming evidence of his credentials at the highest level, have been frustrating in the extreme. Yet he has little chance of feeling his way back. not amid the public glare surrounding the British Isles. who play their second match. against Border, at the Basil Kenyon Stadium here today.

Moreover, Grayson, the Northampton stand-off half, is involved in a direct confrontation with his dub colleague, Gregor Townsend, in the battle to wear the No 10 jersey for the Lions in the series with South Africa. At Franklin's Gardens, the presence of two international stand-offs, those of England and Scotland, can be glossed over in the broader interests of the club, but here a choice must be made.

Townsend, ball in hand, is the kind of stand-off that centres love, because he can create space and keep marauding flankers in check: he can also be the kind of standoff forwards hate, because of the inaccuracy of his kicking. Grayson's kicking is far more dependable, but now that he has his chance to show he can run a game with flair and vision, he would probably have preferred a couple of warm-up games and a firmer than the rainsurface than the rain-drenched one that Border headquarters will provide.

A hip injury caused Grayson to miss the last two months of the domestic season and, having recovered, he then strained a thigh, which initially provoked thoughts



Austin Healey, the scrum half, evades Gibbs as the Lions train yesterday. Photograph: Dave Rogers / Allsport

that he would miss the Lions tour altogether. A strict recovery regime has paid dividends, however.

"I have done a lot of work. with and without the ball, and I can't wait to pull the Lions jersey on." he said yesterday after a training session that confirmed Tim Rodber, who has a cut eye, would not be in the squad. Simon Shaw joins the replacements.

Grayson acknowledged the competition with Townsend, who missed training with a

both know we are competing for the same slot, so each of us goes out to play our best and hope that will earn the Test place," he said. His centres will hope that his best is good enough, since the Wales pairing of Scott Gibbs and Allan Bateman might have been perceived worthy of the international series before the tour began. Now gauntlets have been flung down by the perfor-

bruised shoulder. "He and I Greenwood, against the East-both know we are competing ern Province XV in Port Eliza-chance to regroup. beth last weekend.

Nevertheless, today's game can only offer a modest form guide. Their is no disguising the fact that Border are at a low ebb; even though they contested the final of the Nite Series against Free State last season, they finished seventh of ten teams this season and suffered a 40-point beating by Western Province in their last outing. They have not played together for a month, which

CHAINCE BUT LEGICULARY
BORDER: R Bannett K Hitton-Green, G Hacher, K Molotens, A Chesen; G Miller, J Bredorook; H Colk, R van 24, D du Press, M Swer, S Botha, J Gothag, A Bothag, A Fock.
BRITISH ISLES XV: T Stimpson (Nawcastle and England); J Bentley (Newcastle and England); J Batheren (Nachmand and Weise), S Globs (Swinses, Land Weise), T I bentwood (Nathmand and I bentwo

Argentina wary of losing amateur ethos

mances of the two English-

men, Jerry Guscott and Will

FROM MARK SOUSTER IN BUENOS AIRES

IN THIS exciting but still unsettled period for professional rugby, Argentina's place in the new order is an anachronism. The country's governing body is still reluctant to endorse professionalism, partly through a desire to maintain the amateur ethos, but partly through a sense of realism. This

begin to support a professional game.

The union is caught between the

stage, hence a ready acceptance of invitations to tour overseas - Argentina are playing 13 internationals this - and the unrealistic demands this places on a squad of about 25 players, the majority of whom balance work with playing and accept the situation, albeit reluctantly.

Others, like Frederico Mendez and German Llanes, have gone to England and more will follow. Augustin Pichot mond, Grau and Reggiardo play in South Africa, while Noriega has need to maintain a profile on the world thrown in his lot with Australia.

The union is beginning to take positive steps to stop the drain, or at least to make life a little easier for the players. As part of a new marketing strategy, it has signed sponsorship deals with eight multinational companies, among them Heineken, Visa and Schweppes, but in all this amounts to an income of less than \$1,000,000 a

However, it has enabled the union to students, provide medical insurance Black, as technical director, a position and to increase daily allowances. he holds until the next World Cup, also Players on international duty at home cannot be underestimated.

receive \$30, while those on overseas tours will get between \$70 and \$100 a day; payment for playing is still an anathema. It is, however, as Frankie Deges, a union spokesman said, at least a start.

He has noticed a greater awareness by players of their responsibilities, particularly by those playing abroad for a living, an attitude which is beginning to rub off on others. The

SAILING

Goacher masters the wind

SAILING CORRESPONDENT

STEVE GOACHER'S extraordinary run of success in the relatively unfashionable National Sonata class continued yesterday when he sealed his sixth triumph in a row in the Rover Series, at Tarbert,

on Loch Fyne.
Goacher, sailing Eric The
Boat with Andy Laurie, Colin
Holden and Hugh Haynes, put together one of the most impressive sequences at the regatta, which was dominated by light and unpredictable winds that often turned races

Goacher proved that yacht racing in such conditio more than a matter of luck by scoring four wins, including the Gourrock feeder race, two econds and a third place, which he was able to discard He finished on eight points, 13 ahead of his nearest pursuer, David Tunnicliffe, on Jennyanydots. Peter Haworth, on Moonlight, was third

Goacher, who now p ares to defend his world title in the Flying Fifteen class at Cowes later this summer, said: "It was pretty shifty on our course, but it's not really a lottery. It's a question of keeping your eyes open and trying to work out what's coming next."

Among the other overall winners was Dave Hall, on Raw Hyde, in the Glenfiddich Melges 24 class, who managed to get through the series without any serious disasters and finished with a consistent set of results, including three

In the last race yesterday, when upwind legs became downwind once the sea breeze was felt, Hall was the only skipper in the fleet to sail the correct course, crossing the line in third place on the water but getting the only

Second overall was Kim Slater, on Cattle Truck, who went the wrong way twice during the series, with Dave Johnson, on Glenfiddich, fin-ishing third.

TELEVISION CHOICE You are feeling sleepy...

Paul McKenna, the television hypnotist, has clearly not met an interrogator like Oliver James before. He deals crisply and confidently enough with James's opening questions; as he recalls a generous father, an authorization mother and a Catholic upbringing which he largely hated. It is when James moves on to puberty and asks McKenna about his first sexual experience that McKenna arrests hear the properties and asks that the contract of the properties are the contract of the properties and the properties are stated as the contract of the properties and the properties are the contractions. McKenna about his first sexual experience that McKenna starts to look thrown, as saybody would when asked to divulge intimate details in front of a television camera. Gosh, says McKenna, playing for time, this is not the sort of thing he gets asked by Richard and Judy, but McKenna is too polished a performer to be fazed for long. All but the determinedly prurient may feel that the most researching enchances are should hympotism, land revealing exchanges are about hypnoxim-and McKenna's claims for it.

BBC1, 8.15pm As if 999, Blues and Twos and what scents like AS II ***, Binet and Twos and what seems like countless other documenturies about the energy gency services had not said the appetite. The series based on two like stations on Merseyside, from which Red Watch and White Watch deal with thousands of energy calls each year in a densely populated insective area. The treatment is not existed for the second of the secon gency calls each year in a densely populated insec-city area. The treatment is not sprictly fly of the wall, for the men (there are no women) talk directly to the camera and there is a commentary, but the most potent footage is the least posed, as fire-engines roar through the night and the firefighters take a plunge into the unknown. It might be again-threatening blaze, or a hour, said there is the danger of colliding with another vehicles on the way. All these scenarios leature to the less that intercut and holding the attention to the last.

ations: Bertrand Ressell

BBC2, 9.00pm

The theme of this two-part profile by Detys-Blakeway is of a man trying to find a certalisty in his work that was absent in his chaosic personal life Bertrand Russell may have been born into the British aristocracy, but he lost both parents when little more than a baby and was brought up by a

most warmly.

The Sexton's Tales Radio 2, 10.00pm Start of the third series of this splendid and, in some ways, unlikely success. By no means the least of its virtues is the performance of George Cole as the sexton of Highgate cemetery, but creats, too, for the writing of Emlyn Harris. The format, which involves actors playing out scenes from the subjects life, a narration by Cole and a music score, works entremely well. The subject for fals, opener in the five-part series is Max Wall, the comedian who first went on stage as a boy and who graduated to straight stand-up routines via success as a comedy dance act: by his tesnage years, beyond a regular in the West Brid. Wall was a work and

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recial given last week in Studio 1 by the Mirals.
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Gregorio at Celio in Rome. A tervice to mark the

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Dissonance): 8.20 The Music. Scionie Kleist by Jamee Hamilton-Paterson 4.40 Concert, part 2 Mendelssohe (String Octet in E flat, Op 2)
9.29 Bruce Chebries: On the Black Hill. A short story read by Anthony Hyde (3/5)
9.40 Aniel, Who Sees Thee Now? John Harle talks to Philip Pickett about Shakespeare songe, partomate by the Musicians of the Globe Theatre.
10.09 Ensemble. Penny Gore Introduces a performance of Schubert's last plano sonate in B flat, D960, giver-by Bernard Roberts
10.46 Night Waves. Michele Roberts's guests include the medical historian Sharvin Nuterial who tells alpot this have book. West of the Shody. Plus news from the liest highit of Biyl Bandele's scientian of Chinus Achebe's Things Fall Apart at the Solonia Jazz Notes. Campbell Surreip presents the first observed for the Weelt Handel (f)
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2.30 Your Place or Mine? Eight documentaries made through collaborations between programmentalists from four countries. A tale from the state of Victoria in Australia about the Miscellaneous Workers' Union which is offering membership to prostings.

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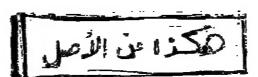
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Abuse and disfigurement are difficult to face

Some years ago, when I was recuperating from a nasty bout of something serious bout of something serious and almost certainly psychosomaric. my younger sister was dispatched to find something to cheer me up. She arrived back cluching flowers and a rented videotape. "What is it?" I asked feebly from my shaded day-bed. "Oh, just something I thought you'd enjoy, she replied, exiting the room at a speed which, with hindsight, should have triggered a note of alarm. I pressed "play". It was David Lynch's The Elephant

Man. Very droll. But last night, the discomfort born of chronic hypochondria (a common genetic disorder carried solely in the male chromosome) paled into shaming insignificance. in QED: The True Story of the Elephant Man (BBCI), we met the American doctor who had helped to organise a charity showing of the film for the Neurofibromatosis

Foundation and only realised what he had done as he watched the cinema loyer fill up with patients suffering from this potentially disfiguring condition. I knew the story of the elephant man was not going to be a easy one for them to face."

Almost impossible in some cases. Sue Fildes, who has NF, failed to get past the opening bullying scene three times. It reminded her of the playground taunts that had made her own childhood so difficult ... and that was before "elephant man" entered the lexicon of hurled abuse.

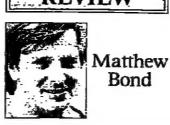
These were among the most powerful moments in the film by Emma Walker and John Hayes-Fisher, but even with them on board it was not a wholly convincing piece of work, never quite working out from which angle the by now familiar story of Joseph Merrick should be retold. Should it be scientific, as the introduction promised? Should it be anecdotal.

as our meeting with a modern Jon Merrick (his great-grandfather gested? Or how about historical? Or moral even? Aware that none of these viewpoints would fill the allotted 50 minutes by itself, the producers embraced them all and came up with something distinctly on the bitty side.

Tor did they ever quite resolve the central prob-lem in any retelling of Merrick's miserable story to a modern audience that knows "it's rude to stare". Look away completely and you miss the enduring fascination of the story. Linger too long and we're back to the days of the freak show. Walker and Hayes-Fisher opted for a middle course, offering brief and incom-plete glimpses of photographs of never-before-shown-on-television variety, but categorically drawing the line at showing us a

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contemporary patient suffering from Proteus syndrome, which has replaced NF as the accepted diag-nosis of Merrick's wretched condition. I suspect their decision was. right, but it added to my growing feeling that what we were watching was neither the true story, nor a particularly complete one. Still, it was television that made you think, and for that we must always be grateful.

By contrast. The Death of on went Olivia O'Leary's hectoring Childhood (Channel 4) was television that made me angry. Unlike his BBC counterparts. Tim Tate. the producer, knew exactly what wanted to say. The accepted wisdom that the sexual abuse of children is something largely invented by interfering social workers was wrong. 100 per cent incorrect. His contention was that notorious incidents such as Cleveland, where 121 children were taken into care, were indeed evidence of widescale sexual abuse.

Fine, I thought, nothing wrong with a provocatively contrarian standpoint as a programme-mak-ing device (after all, it has a long-established tradition as a newspaper column-writing device), so go on, convince me. It was here we parted company. For rather than persuading with con-sidered evidence and balanced debate, Tate opted for the hit-'emover-the-head approach. On and

vinced that they are as right today as they were ten years ago. I hate programmes like this.

iven the complete absence

of any evidence to the contrary (indeed a post-script almost boasted about those who had understandably refused to take part), it was no surprise when I found myself conceding that Tate might have a point. Perhaps the police surgeon had been hasty in flatly rejecting the reflex anal dilatation test employed by Dr Marietta Higgs. No doubt, as relations between the police and Cleveland social services broke down, cases of genuine abuse were missed. And no doubt, Stuart Bell, MP, was too quick in

jumping on headline-hitting, vote-winning bandwagons. And if all

that sounds familiar, that's

6.00am Sesame Street (r) (27729)

12.00 California Dreams (r) (31409)

12.30pm Light Lunch (54577)

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7.00 The Bloger Breekfast (30747) incor-

1.30 Camival A student film by Susan Young

1.40 That Lady (1955) with Olivia de Havilland, Gilbert Rotand and, in his screen debut, Paul Scofield. A 16th-

3.30 Collectors' Lot (T) (393) 4.00 Fifteen-to-

5.30 Animal Passions John Nettles discovers

7.00 Channel 4 News (T). Includes headlines

7.50 Best of Brass The latest from the All England Masters Brass Band Champion-

B.00 Brookside Rachel does not know what to

8.30 Planet Showbiz Mark Laman reports on

do about Christian, Elaine makes a decision that will aftect Mick. And can

Max convince Susannah that life is worth

the American showbiz scene, Includes an

interview with "shock jock" Howard

Stern, who talks about his autobiographical movie Private Parts (T) (5/8)

and weather at 7.30 (373206)

6.00 Party of Five (1) (371428)

6.50 Fresh Pop (184003)

ship (324954)

living? (1) (4138)

evoking the sights and sounds of the Notting Hill Carnival (86252138)

century widow angers the King of Spain by having an affair with one of his

One (1) (428) 4.30 Countdown (1) (1815022) 4.55 Ricki Lake (1) (1976041)

the facts about dogs for deaf people and

receives some cullnery advice from television chaf Rick Stein (T) (664)

nisters. Directed by Terence Young (T)

9.35 Sister, Sister (r) (T) (365564) 19.05 Hangin' with Mr Cooper (r) (T) (3523461) 10.30 Crystal Maze (r) (3514480) and 11.35 The Pink Panther (1191062)

because they are exactly the same conclusions — as the programme admitted — as the Butler-Sloss inquiry came to all those years ago. Was this really progress and, while we're asking questions, what was Channel 4 doing returning to a subject that Leanne Klein's more balanced film for Witness covered just two months ago?

The rest of the evening passed in a blur of animal welfare. Carla Lane, comedy writer and offerer of sanctuary to anything clad in fur or feathers (as long as they are its own) disagreed divertingly with her hunting-shooting-fishing Sussex neighbour in Home Ground (BBC2), while in Touching Evil (ITV). DI Dave Creegan tackled a gang of rather elderly-looking teenagers who were attacking horses, apparently acting on orders received over the Internet. They also took drugs and listened loud rave music, Groundbreaking stuff, huh?

Age of the second 6.00am Business Breakfast (77461) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (89119) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (T) (3679428) 9.20 Style Challenge (6113645)

9.45 Kilroy (T) (7468393) 10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (24119) 11.00 News (T) and weather (7219138) 11.05 The Great Escape (T) (7676138)

11.35 Real Rooms A London woman lets the team loose on her large Victorian lounge 12.00 News (T) and weather (8846409)

12.05pm Call My Bluff (8584515) 12.35 Mary Berry at Home (9925515) 1.00 News (T) and weather (82206) 1.30 Regional News (86269428) 1.40 The Weather Show (99438515)

1.45 Neighbours (T) (40358157). 2.10 Quincy (r) (6197119) 2.55 Through the Keyhole (6856312)

3.20 Closet Secrets Nicky Taylor examines the 200-year history of knickers (6990683)

3.30 Playdaya (r) (8719683) 3.50 Monster Cale (6230577) 4.05 The New Yogi Beer Show (5179225) 4.10 Gadget Boy (4693867) 4.35 Out of Tune (r) (T) (1821683) 5.00 Newsround (T) (4089515) 5.10 Blue Peter (T) (8858041) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (510683)

6.00 News (T) and weather (887) 6.30 Regional News Magazine (119) 7.00 Antiques Roadshow High Scully looks at the work of Victorian designer William Burges and visits his medieval retreat, Castell Coch in Wales (T) (5480)

7.30 Tomorrow's World A genetics special exploring the hidden dangers of the 'brave new world" which could be here within ten years, affecting the way people live, love and die (T) (913)

8.00 The National Lettery Live Carol Smillie hosts the draw which arms to create from Speedy (T) (434503)

8.15 Firefighters New series tollowing the work of Mersey-

9.00 News (T) Regional News and weather. Followed by Lottery Update (2515) 9.30 Beckup New series of the police drama. The team find the body of a teenage boy white investigating illegal boxing matches (T) (483225)

10.25 The X Files (r) (T) (808312) 11.10 Saturn 3 (1950) with Farrah Fawcett and Kirk Douglas, A couple of space-station owellers are menaced by a scientist and

his amorous android. Directed by Stanley Donen (1) (890596) 12.35am Pure Luck (1991) starring Martin Short, Dariny Glover, Shelia Keliy and Sam Wanamaker. A wealthy, business-man sends a disaster-prone accountant to Mexico to track down his missing daughter, much to the dismay of the private detective already assigned to the case. Directed by Nadia Tass (T)

2.05 Weather (2193368)

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1.00 Philbert the Frog (85266732) 1.05 Buzzy Bee and Friends (85265003) 1.10 Look for the Silver Linking (1949)
Musical retailing of the life of 1920s stage
star Marilyn Miller. Directed by David
Butter (68875206)

3.00 News (T) (6994409) 3.05 Making Babies (8571190) 3.55 News 4.00 Blockbusters (4671645) 4.20 Ready, Steady, Cook (5061848) 4.50 Esther (9099885) 5.20 Today's the Day (6845119) 5.50 Lifeline (f) (256499) 6.00 Star Trek: the Next Generation (755490) 6.45 The Ben and eneration (355480) 6.45 The Ren and Stimpy Show (T) (673312)



Hypnotic Paul McKenna (7.10pm)

The Chair Oliver Jerries delives into the psyche of the 7,30 Top Gear Motorsport The Le Mans qualifying weekend, the fourth round of the Eurocar Championship and two

rounds of the rallycross competition from 8.00 University Challenge The second semi-final, between the Open University

and a team of medical students from Charing Cross (2770) 8.30 Home Front The Amsteur Decorator of the Year is named. Last in series (T)

Reputations Profile of the philosopher Bertrand Russell

(1/2) (7799) 10.00 Yes, Prime Minister (1) (1) (30770)

10.30 Newsnight (865225) 11.15 Ruby The formidable hostess chats to proprietor of *The Washington Post*, Katharine Graham, the actresses Carrie

Fisher, Frances Barber, Meera Syal and the Marquess of Bath (183393) 11.55 The Phil Silvers Show (b/w) (653732) 12.25am Weather (9156707)

12.30 Learning Zone: O.U.: Design for an Allen World (21504) 1.00 Magnetic Fields in Space (28078) 1.30 Seeing with Electrons (41417) 2.00 Landmarks (11436) 4.00 English Heritage (87894) 4.30 Unice in the Classroom (32271) 5.00 Basic Skills (85875) 5.30 Voluntary Matters (78900)

6.00am GMTV (4222886) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (r) (T) (6121664) 9.55 Regional News (T) (3556799) 10.00 The Time, the Place (61225)

10.30 This Morning (T) (62468770) 12.20pm Regional News (T) (8835393) 12.30 News (I) and weather (9911312) 12.55 Shortland Street (9996003) 1.24 HTV Crimestoppers (85531022) 1.25 Home

and Away (T) (70084409) 1,50 Attendon Live (40324190) 2,20 Vanessa (T) (40512461) 2.50 Afternoon Live (2231041) 3.20 News (1) (6901799)

3.25 Regional News (T) (6993770) 3.30 Alphabet Castle (r) (6254157) 3.40 Tots
TV (r) (7875664) 3.50 Oscar and Friends
(r) (5078138) 3.55 Sooty and Co (r)
(8714138) 4.20 Tiny Toon Adventures
(7186022) 4.40 Harry's Mad (r) (T)

5.10 Bagdad Cafe (r) (7574225) 5.40 News (T) and weather (753461) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (537886) 6.25 HTV Weather (413867) 6.30 The West Tonight (T) (658003)



6.50 Coronation Street There is a shock in store for Deirdre and Mattreen, Meanwhile, Chris and Samantha agree to model Angie's underwear (1) (494732)

Wilson introduces coverage of the European Cup Final from Munich's Olympic Stadium. (T) Followed by National Lottery Result (15703867) NB: Subsequent programmes are subject to change and late running

9.30 Oddballs Earnonn Holmes presents selection of sporting pitfalls (40645) 10.00 News (T) and weather (34596)

10.30 Regional News (T) (256683) 10.40 Twilight Zone: The Movie (1983) Anthology of four eerie tales based on the classic TV series with Albert Brooks, Dan Aykroyd, and Vic Morrow. Directed by John Landis, Joe Dante, Steven Spielberg, and George Miller (18669090)

12.35am Collins and Maconle's Movie Club 1.10 Real Stories of the Highway Patrol

(4836639) 1.35 Erik the Viking (1989) with Tim Robins, Terry Jones and John Cleese. Oifbeat historical satire about a Viking becoming disillusioned with mayhem and plunder. Directed by and adapted from a Terry Jones book (890405)

3.15 Jones and Jury (r) (49937287) 3.40 Not Fade Away (r) (7320788) 4.35 The Time, the Place (r) (72462417) 5.09 Coronation Street (r) (T) (85829) 5.30 News (72726)

As HTV West except: 12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (9996003) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (7574225)

6.25-6.50 Central News (611312) 10.40 Film: 1969 (98869288) 12.30am Sound Bites (6916233)

12.40 Dating the Enemy (4710504) 1.40 Bonkers (5683788) 2.45 The Chart Show (8323558) 3.25 Comedy Central (1342813)

4.20 Central Jobfinder '97 (5047320) 5.20 Asian Eye (8575707) WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except: 12.55 Home and Away (8742848) 1.20-1.50 Emmerdale (22813664)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7574225) 6.00-6.50 Westcountry Live (373886) 10,30 Westcountry News (247935) 10.45 Richard Digance for One Night Only (695577)

11.45 Swift Justice (714312)

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11.10 The Bottom Line (611596)

11.40 Swift Justice (540664) ANGLIA As HTV West excent: 12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (9996003)

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7.00 The Bigger Breakfast (30747)

9.00 Bewitched (9365664) 9.35 Sister, Sister (5936664) 10.05 Hangin' with Mr Cooper (3523461) 10.30 Crystal Maze (3514480)

11.35 The Pink Panther (1212480)

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10.35 ER (318732) 11.30 Caroline in the City (58751) 12.00am Under the Moon (5887707)

Getting away from it all? (9.00pm) 9.00 Foreign Legion A young man from Britain tackles the French Foreign Legion's tough training programme (r) (T) 10.00 ER: Make a Wish Green's paranoia deepens upon his return to work. Carter considers a change of career, Carla goes causes Benton to have a change of heart: and Ross has a surpose in store for Hathaway (T) (5954)

11.00 Friends Phoebe meets some long-lost family members (r) (T) (3570) 11.30 Roseanne Bev (Estalle Parsons) intro-

duces her new guttriend (Ruta Leei (T) 12.00 Under the Moon Through-the-night

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6.00 am 5 News Early (8335515) **7.30** Havakazoo (5160935) **8.00** Adventures of the Bush Patrol (8030157) 8.30 WideWorld Are we born knowing how to sing or to play a musical instrument, or is

it an acquired skill? (8039428) 9.00 Espresso (r) (2060480) 10.00 Exclusive (r) (7647393) 10.30 Fame and Fortune (r) (8019664) 11.00 Leeza (9786664) 11.50 Double Espresso (34087954)

12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (8000916) 12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (4112935) 1.00 5 News Update (49438954) 1.05 Sunset Beach (T) (3199577) 2.00 5's Company (7611206)

3.30 The Toast of New York (1937, b/w) with Edward Arnold and Cary Grant Biographical drama about New England pediar Jim Fisk, who became a millionaire Directed by Roland V. Lee (8306003) 5.30 100 Per Cent (9882157)



Troubled times for the Harts (6.30pm)

6.30 Family Affairs Chris gets on everyone's nerves (T) (9863022) 7.00 Exclusive (8217913)

7.30 Flights of Fancy: Call of the Fish Eagle The Okavango Delta in Botswana, rich in fish, is home to many eagles (T)

8.00 The Great Garden Game from Pamham House in Beaminster, Dorset, where the teams are required to plant a herb garden. and make an original piece of lopiary. Presented by Claire Bradley and Paul Hawkins (T) (2912521)

8.30 5 News (9962206)

9.00 The Murders in the Rue Morque (1986) with George C Scott, Rebecca De Morney, Ian McShane and Val Kilmer Adaptation of Edgar Alian Poe's thriller set in 19th-century Paris Terror runs through a theatre company after several of its members are tound murdered Directed by Jeannot Saward (T) (93774857) 10.40 Exclusive Extra (3563931)

11.00 The Jack Docherty Show Chal and comedy (5435732)

11.40 Tibs and Fibs Irreverent medical quiz and Tony Slattery (5846041) 12.10am Live and Dangerous Sports maga-zine featuring US major league baseball

(40026419) 4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (4604233)

5,30 100 Per Cent (2952417)

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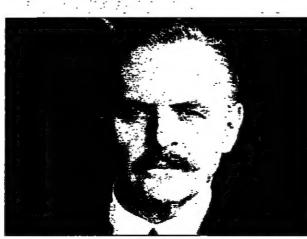
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Leading Briton beaten in first round of French Open

Henman grounded on clay

THE idea of Britain making a lasting imprint on the French Open was ground into the red dust at lunchtime yesterday when Tim Henman followed Greg Rusedski as a firstround loser at Roland Garnes. will do nothing for Henman's peace of mind. nothing for the British reputation abroad, that, before nightfall here, the pair could hide in the long shadow of Goran Ivanisevic, the No 4 seed, who also gained nothing but an early plane ticket to England, the longer to prac-tise on grass before Wimbledon, after losing to Magnus Gustafsson.

Henman, to his credit, made no excuses; neither his recent troubles with tennis elbow, nor the lack of preparation he in particular, and the British in general, have on this slow, testing clay surface. In truth, it was just as well, for while he has adaptable gifts and a combative tempera-

Henman yesterday lacked the discipline that long groundstroke exchanges

Yet he came out positively. as if he truly believed in his form, his fitness, his pedigree. Why not? His opponent. Olivier Delaitre, who will be 30 on Sunday, is a seasoned professional yet a man who has considered early retirement, such has been his own lack of impact on the game.

Delaitre stands at 159th on the dreaded computer that ranks these players. At 5ft 7in. he is short and stocky by the standards of modern tennis. but he is also obdurate, busy and obviously better acquainted with the courts.

ledge of when to mix the pace. and with an appreciable down-the-line backhand winner. Delaitre claimed the opening set 6-2, in 33 minutes. The thin clouds and the breeze were giving the players respite from the previous day's intense sun, and even with such



Henman serves during his first-round defeat by Delaître, of France, at Roland Garros yesterday. Photograph: Mike Hewitt / Allsport

seemed that if Henman remained calm, gathered some patience and some trust in his

Frenchman. "It's hard playing the French here, because they know how the balls work on the court." Rusedski observed from the gallery at the back of No 2 Court. Not too hard, for Henman required just 26 minutes to sweep through Delaitre's guard and take the

second set, again 6-2. And when he maintained his thrust, when his first service aces outnumbered his doublejust as swiftly, 6-1. By then Rusedski had left, having a plane to catch to England. His parting shot had been to predict, when Henman led in the third: "Trust me. Tim has this one won."

Rusedski was forgetting the British clay-court experience of recent years. Not since 1977. when Buster Mottram reached the fourth round, and, before that, when Roger Taylor muscled his way to the quarter-finals in 1973, has Britain sustained anything in France. Only in the past

couple of years have some of the vast profits from Wimbledon been invested in clay courts and British players still such terrain.

The core of Henman's defeat came in the third game of the fourth set. By then the sun was again relentless, and so was Delaitre's persistence. Henman took 26 minutes equal to the time of the second set — to lose a service game: It contained 13 deuces, eight break points, an enormous locking of wills.

"I knew it was the critical game," Henman said. "Unfortunately. I lost it on my own service, and it was a pretty long ordeal." Delaitre said

that at that point he felt, "If I could break him, then physically I was stronger, because Tim had lost two or three tion". The Frenchman added: He is a good player, maybe it will be tough for him to win the French, but I think he can

be a really good player on

Once that game was lost, and the set went 6-2 against Henman, the signs of weariness became etched into his face. Herrman had only once before played five sets, at Wimbledon last year. And if the pressure and the demands on stamina were alien to him as this struggle moved into its third hour, then at least he had

the pluck to slug out the final set, game for game. It was Henman who finally cracked, conceding his service to trail to serve to love and to claim the spoils after three hours and 33 minutes.

On grass over the next month. Henman will be better attuned, released to play his serve and voiley game. Yet he hankers to be more rounded than that, he talks of improving his clay-court tennis ... and sooner than is good for Britain he will get another chance, for the Davis Cup contest in the Ukraine follows Wimbledon, and the Ukraine plan to offer Britain clay

Gascoigne has case of the birthday blues

BY OLIVER HOLT, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

IT STARTED with a joke and a little self-deprecation. I have had my teeth done now anyway." Paul Gascoigne said to general bemusement. He stared out at a sea of blank faces and repeated it to see if the penny would drop. Then he tired of the game and delivered the punchline. So I won't be needing the Dentist's

That was the end of the laughter, the end of anything that might even remotely recall his reputation as being "daft as a brush". Yesterday, it was his birthday and Gascoigne hung one more year on the line with the sad, disillusioned demeanour of one far more advanced in years.

In the past, they have acted as a curious kind of confessional, these occasions when he is brought out after England training sessions to face the ranks of media he has come to regard as his persecutors. Sometimes, he has bared his soul about his darkest secrets, but yesterday, on the day that he turned 30, he sought refuge in despair that mingled threats with pleas for clemency and peace.

The irony was that he looked fitter and abler than any of us had dared hope for after he was carried from the pitch with a calf injury in the dying seconds of Saturday's win over South Africa at Old Trafford. Barring any further serbacks, he should be fit to take on Poland in the vital World Cup qualifier in Katowice on Saturday, a potentially significant creative consolation for the damaging news yesterday that Tony Adams, England's defensive kingpin, had failed to cajole his troublesome ankle back to firmess and had already been ruled out. Either Martin Keown, his club colleague, or reolace him.

Gascoigne's own swift recovery, though, seemed to give him limited solace. He was fed up with being harrassed by photographers, he said, he had enough of being sharply. criticised in the press, however he had played. The misery of it was exched on his face and he hinted that he was considering a premature retirement.

At first, he retreated into a couple of carefully-prepared mantras. There are 22 players in the squad," was the first. I am one of them. If I am playing. I'm playing. If I'm not. I'm not." The second was shorter. "I am just enjoying "It is as simple as that."
Gradually, though, his anger surfaced. "I did well on

Saturday and I still got stick for it." he said. "Too fat, too thin, the same story. It was all people saying: He should beat ive players, can't he do that

any more?
"It had got to the stage when I used to go on the pitch and I was thinking: I must do this or I must do that or I am going to get slaughtered.' But I know now that, whatever I do, I am going to get hammered, so I ust do what is best for Paul Gascoigne and what is best for the team. I am just trying to relax myself and enjoy the game, but I feel angry at the way I have been treated and I have taken that on to the pitch with me.

"At the end of the day, a lot of footballers do things outside football, but not a lot of them get a photographer following them everywhere. People photographing his wife and

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kid outside their school. I have

got all that. That is the price for me and

they can follow me all over the place, but, when it comes to sticking a camera in my little son's eyes and half-blinding the kid for half the day with the flash, I disagree with that. If the time comes when I have had enough, then I will have had enough.

"People ask me if I will be able to play for another five years. If I keep on getting hammered the way I am, then,

will do what is best for me, By now, his depression was mounting. He said he had been offered the England captaincy for a game last year, but turned it down for fear of the opprobrium that would have been heaped upon him.
"I would have got slaugh

tered again," he said. "They would have said: "Why should a guy like that with the things he has done on and off the pitch be captain"." If that was Gascoigne's adieu to his youth. It sounded suspiciously like a good riddance.

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Taylor's travails continue as Australia struggle again

By Michael Henderson

now a matter of lost belief. To

watch him walk back to the

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Taylor was completely

turned round by Mike Smith,

the left-arm swing bowler, who defeated him with late

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low to Jack Russell, who

caught it in front of first slip.

Taylor has another innings

here, and two more at Derby,

to justify his place in the side,

At the moment, he has not got

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Steve Waugh: top score

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BRISTOL SCOREBOARD

The captain is not alone in

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BRISTOL (first day of three: the Australians won toss): Gloucestershire, with first-innings wickets in hand, are 196 runs behind the

A ONE-EYED person might say that Gloucestershire did England proud yesterday. They bowled out the touring team for 249 and conceded only one wicket in reply. So Australia's wretched start to the summer continues. With the first Test a week away. every over, every ball even, is vital, and they will not be happy with their performance vesterday.

It was not an ideal pitch on which batsmen could rediscover some form, although Mark Waugh, in that incomparably languid way, made batting look the easiest thing in the world for two hours. It rained heavily in Bristol last week and there was neither pace nor bounce. It was a day for grinding out runs. and Australia did not grind out nearly enough.

The first and most significant failure was Mark Tavlor's. It has long since passed the stage of mislaid form; it is

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Elliott and Justin Langer, the other left-handers at the top of the order, were out cheaply as three wickets went down for 21. Jonathan Lewis, who owed his place to David Lawrence's rib injury, had them both caught behind: Elliott glanc-

ing, Langer driving.
There followed an innings of such glory from Mark Waugh that it was possible to watch two games at the same time. He got off the mark with a clipped boundary through mid-wicket that he has practically patented, and hit ten more on his way to fifty. It was majestic batting.

On such a slow pitch, he reasoned a batsman had to go to meet the ball - and that is how he perished, advancing to drive Richard Davis, the leftarm spinner, to mid-on. He was on 66, and could have poked it about until lunch. which was an over away. But he bats the way he bats and, thank goodness, he will never change.

A measure of his quality was the struggle his twin, Steve, had in timing the ball early in his innings. By the time he played on to Smith for 92, cramped for space by one that came back into him, he had spanked some gorgeous off drives of his own.

Bevan was in the mood to get his head down until he edged a loose drive to slip. Healy finished unbeaten on 30 as Ball went through the tail. Gloucestershire then lost Wright, who became Gillespie's hundredth first-class wicket, but Taylor's day was not over. He missed a difficult chance at slip when Trainor. on 31, slashed Warne. It never

Celebrated venue for Solheim Cup match

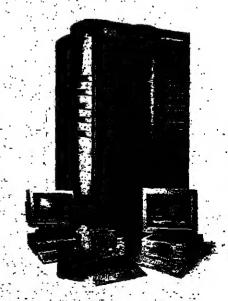
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THE Solheim Cop. the equivalent for Europe's women professional golfers of the Ryder Cup, is to be played at Sunningdale in 2000, when it is next staged on this side of the Atlantic. It will be the sixth holding of the event that was first played at Lake Nona. Orlando, Florida, in 1990; and in which the Americans hold series, lead of 3-1. The Old Course

Sunningdale, as much admired in the United States as in Britain, and one that is steeped in history, is an appropriate venue in its centenary year. It was here that Bobby Jones, the American amateur, had his famous round of 66 - 33 putts and 33 strokes - when qualifying for the 1926 Open. Eight European Opens on the men's tour have been held at the Old Course where the Weetabix Women's British Open will be staged in August. During the 1970s, Sunningdale hosted the Colgate Ladies European

The date is not finalised. "It cannot be in September because of the Sydney Olympics," Terry Coates, chief executive of the Women Professional Golfers European Tour, said. "So it will be either.

August or October." The trophy was donated by Karsten Solheun, the chib manufacturer, and named after him. "Karsten wanted a venue that would take the cup. forward," Coates said. "We intend to make certain the venue lives up to the prestige of the event."



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